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[10–41] [*Relative to the Payment of Rev. Samuel Perley: addressed to the Council and House, January 15, 1770.*]

The Humble Petition of Ebenr Knowlton Richard Smith Jacob Smith Elisha Brown and Jonathan Weare all of Seabrook in said Province Yeomen Shews that your Petitioners with a Number of other Persons then belonging to Hampton falls but now Mostly Inhabitants of said Seabrook in November AD 1764 did unanimously Call and agree with the Revd Samuel Perley Minister of said Seabrook to preach the Gospele to and Settle Among them and then agreed and promised to provide him an house Garden spot the keeping of an horse and Cow and to Pay said Perley Fifty Pounds Sterling Money of great Britain Annually during his work of the Ministry among them and at the repeated request of said Inhabitants two of your Petitioners Vizt Richard Smith and Jonathan Weare Provided and hired an house for said Perley for about four years past and gave their prevate Security for the Payment of the rent for the same house for all the time aforesaid and Some time past after said Agreement your Petitr with the others Abovementioned were Erected in to a Distinct Parish from Hampton falls and in November AD 1768 Your Petitioners were all chosen by said Parish a Committee to Examine State and Settle all Accounts and Demands between said Parish and said Perley your Petitioners then found a large Balance in favor of said Perley and gave their Private Security for the same the whole of both said Sums Amount to one hundred Pounds Lawful Money For which your Petitioners are now Sued and Judgment recovered and as a Considerable part of said sums became due before your Petitioners and Inhabatants were a Parish and whereas many of the Persons who were most Active in agreeing with said Perley as above have Since refused to pay Any part of said Sums knowing that thay are not legally taxable for the same—

your Petitioners humbly Pray that thay may be Authorised to assess the Several Persons Concerned in said Agreement in Just Proportion for said Arreages and be Inabled to Collect the same or that your Petitioners may be releaved in any other way which may be thought most Expedient: And your Petitioners shall Ever Pray—

1957667

Ebenezer Knoulton
Richard Smith
Jacob Smith
Elisha Brown
Jonathan Weare

[The foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[10–42] [*Civil Magistrate wanted, 1776.*]

Colony of New Hampshire—To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives Now convenied at Exeter

The Petition of the Freholders

And other Inhabitants of the Parish of Seabrook Humbly sheweth that the Said Parish is destitute Of a justice of the Peace—that this Deficiency Exposes the Parish to many Inconveniences If therefore your Honors would take the Prayer Of this our Petition in to your Consideration & grant A Commission of the Peace to Capt Winthrop Gove The present Commander of our Malitia your Honors would greatly oblige your Petitioners

And as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c—

Seabrook March 11th 1776

William french
Nathan Green } Selectmen of Seabrook
William Hook

thomas Lock	Daniel Hook	Enoch gove
Charles Chase	Dudly Sanborn	Abiathar merrill
thomes true	nathan gove	Daniel Smith
Jacob french	Beniamen Eaton	Jeremiah Dow
Joseph Hook	David Dow	Richd Tobie

[10–43] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers: addressed to the General Assembly February 12, 1778.*]

The Petition; of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Seabrook in the County of Rockingham & State aforesaid, humbly shews—

That Whereas Orders were issued the last Year to said Seabrook to raise for the Continental Army fifteen Men, of which Number the Inhabitants have been able to procure only nine—

That Whereas one third part of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Seabrook are *Quakers*, who refuse to pay any Thing, towards the Support of the present War; and many, following fishing heretofore for the Subsistence of themselves & Families, are now deprived of that Business, & thereby almost reduc'd to Poverty.—Which peculiar Circumstances of many of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Seabrook, your Petitioners humbly conceive, ought to excuse them from being obliged to raise any more Men in Consequence of s^{d} Orders, than those already rais'd and gone; especially considering, that the Number of Men required of said Seabrook is

larger, than is required of some other Towns & Parishes in s^d^ County, in proportion to the State Tax; Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray, that the Inhabitants of s^d^ Seabrook may be exempted from making up the Deficiency of Men Ordered, as afores^d^; Or that Orders be given, to call upon the Quakers to procure their proportionable Part of the Men required,—and as in Duty bound will ever pray &c:—

Elisha Brown	Enoch Gove	Ephraim Eaton
Nehemiah Chase	Job Haskell	Nathan Green
Isaac Brown	Charles Chase	John Smith
Dudley Sanborn	Ebener Fogg	Daniel Smith
Daniel Hook	John Brown	James Nor^l^ peaver
James man	Abiathar merrill	Winthrop Gove E^sq^
Richard Smith	Joshua Eaton	Benjamin Leavitt
Benjamin Eaten	Samuel Eaton	Richard Tobie
Winthrop Eaton	Jabez Eaton	

Chosen as a Comemity for Said Petition

[10–44] [*Quakers' Petition: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

we the People Caled Quakers Inhabatants of Seabrook Being informed By a Notification By Your order that a Number of inhabitants of Said Parish have Laid a Pitetion Before you that our Charter might Be altered we humbly Desir that we may Retain our former Privilages Granted By that Charter and No altiration Be made to our Damage and we have apointed Josiah Dow and Joseph Philbrick a Commity to act in those Respects in our Behalf—

Seabrook the 1 day of the 11 month 1784

Tristram Collins	Moses Gove	Edward Gove
Benj^a^ Dow	Abra^m^ Dow	Winterup Dow Junr
Stephen Gove	Richard Gove	winthrop Dow
Elijah Peaslee	Jonathan Green	Elijah Dow
Robart Collins	Jonathan Green J^r^	

[10–45] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham: ss

The Following Account Contains the Number of Polls belonging to the parish of Seabrook paying a poll Tax for the

year 1783 of twenty one Years of Age and Upwards—Number 111—

Elisha Brown } Selectmen
John Smith } Seabrook

[Sworn to, Dec. 13, 1783, before Winthrop Gove.—Ed.]

SHELBURNE.

The township was granted May 3, 1769, to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Pierce, Daniel Rogers, and John, Daniel, Isaac, and Jotham Rindge. Three hundred acres were reserved for a glebe for the church of England. The grantees petitioned, the following year, for an additional grant, alleging that a considerable part of their original grant was useless on account of mountains and rocks. The petition was favorably received, and a large additional tract of land, lying west of the first grant, was granted to the same men by an instrument dated Nov. 21, 1770. This last grant was called Shelburne Addition, until it was incorporated as a town by the name of Gorham, in 1836. The original grant was incorporated by the name of Shelburne, Dec. 13, 1820. Settlements were commenced in this town in 1775, but so little progress was made that the town contained only thirty-five inhabitants in 1790.

[10–47] [*Statement of Affairs in 1786.*]

To the Honble the Senate and House of Representatives in Genl Assembly convened—

The Petition of the subscribers a Committee of the Prop^rs of the Town of Shelburne in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire—

Humbly Sheweth That the Proprietors had previous to the late Revolution carried on a Settlement in said Town which by its local Situation was rendered very expencive and difficult, that they had nevertheless almost effected the same, when the public and private Calamities of the Country became so great as to render it impractable to make any further Progress therein—

That they had kept the Inhabitants together until the Year 1781, when a party of Savages from Canada made a descent upon Amerescogin River, and amongst other Ravages destroyed the Cattle, burnt the Mills,—murthered some of the Inhabitants, and entirely broke up the Settlement of said town—

The Proprietors further suggest to your Honours that they have discharged two Years taxes of the general Assessment on unimproved Lands, that they must set down with the Loss of all the great Expences they have been at, and begin the Settlement anew

Therefore pray your Honours would take the matter under your wise Consideration, and make such Order thereon as may indemnify them for the taxes now due—and allow them such reasonable time as may enable the prop^rs to bring the Settlement of said Town to the same perfection it was in at the Commencement of the War, before any new Assessment may take place, that the Prop^rs may cheerfully go on with the Settlement of said town to the great Advantage of that unsettled part of the Country—

And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Dated Ports° February 25th 1786

Th° Martin
Is. Rindge

SOMERSWORTH.

The township was set off from Dover, as a parish, Dec. 19, 1729, but was not entirely separated and incorporated as a town until April 22, 1754. A manufacturing company was incorporated on Salmon Falls in 1761, and is believed to have been the first one incorporated in this state: it is now in the town of Rollinsford.

By an act approved July 3, 1849, the town was divided into two nearly equal parts, and the south half incorporated into the town of Rollinsford.

This town was settled early, and has since been a prosperous manufacturing and farming community. Hon. John Wentworth, member of the Continental Congress in 1778 and 1779, was born in this town July 14, 1745; died Jan. 10, 1787.

[10–132] [*Act incorporating Somersworth as a Parish, 1729.*]

Anno Regni Regis Georgii Secundi Tertio

An Act for Setting off the north east end of the Town of Dover and Errecting a Parish by the name of Summersworth whereas the North east end of the Town of Dover is Completely filled with Inhabitants who Labour under great Difficulties by their remoteness from the Place of Publick worship and have thereupon Addressed this Court that they may be Set off a Distinct Parish and be vested Powers and Priviledges accordingly—

Be it therefore Enacted By the Lieutenant Governer Council & Representitives in General Assembly convend & by the Authority of ye Same that the north east part of Dover as hereafter is bounded & Discribed be and hereby is Set off a Distinct and Seperate Parish by the name of Summersworth The bounds of Said Parish to be as follows (Vizt) Beginning at the mouth of fresh Creek and to run as the Creek runs to the way that goes over Said Creek or at the head of the Creek where the way goes over and from thence as the way now goes to the Southerly Side of Varnys Hill to Ebenezer Varnys Land and then to an oak tree over the End of the Said Hill which is a white oak tree marked Standing about two or three Rods from a Spring, And from thence on a North west & by North point of the Compass to the head of Dover bounds and that the Inhabitants of the Said Lands be vested with all the Priviledges & Powers of a Parish to Chuse officers for the well Regulating of ye Same and raise money from time to time for Defraying the Charges of ye Minister School & Poor Provided the Inhabitants of ye Said Parish do within the space of one year from the Date of this Act Errect & finish a Suitable House for the Publick worship of God and Procure and Settle a Learned Orthodox minister of Good Conversation and make Provision for his Comfortable and Honorable Support—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Capt Paul Wentworth Mr Thomas Wallingford & Mr John Ricker be the first Selectmen of the Said Parish for Calling & Assembling the Said Parish togather in order to Chuse the Proper Parish officers for the year Ensuing—

Decr 19th 1729 Read three times in the House of Representatives & past to be Enacted—Theo : Atkinson Speakr pro temp : Eod : Die Read three times at the Council Board and Past to be Enacted—Richd : Waldron Cler. Com.

I assent to the Enacting this Bill

J : Wentworth

[R. 4-3] [*Enlistments under Capt. Job Clement, 1748.*]

Province of New Hampshire

We whose names are underwritten do acknowledge to have Inlisted our Selves into His Majestys Service for the Protection of the Frontiers at Rochester & Barrington, under the Command of Capt Job Clements or Such other officers as shall be appointed over us, & to Continue in Said Service from the beginning of April until the latter end of September next, and twenty days longer if the Service requires it In Consideration of our being paid Eight pounds old tenor before we march to our posts, & be Excused from all Military Impresses for one year after our Service ends—

Mens Names	Place of abode when Inlisted	age	month of Inlistment	
Joshua Perkins	Cochecha			
Samuel G Heard Sart	Cocha			
Moses Tebbets Senr	Summersworth	46	April	7
Saml Hall	Sumr	40	April	7
James Stacpole	Sumrs	34	April	7
Moses Tebbets Jur	Summersworth	24	April	7
John Tebbets	Summersworth	21	April	7
Moses Yeaton	Summersworth	18	April	7
Ephriam Alley	Cochecha	23	April	7
Israel his mark × Pere	Cochecha	24	April	7
Philip his mark × Pappune	Cochecha	40	April	7
Danil his mark × Palmer	Dover	20	April	11
Loave his mark × Tuttle	Dover	18	April	16

[The above are a portion of the men enlisted by virtue of orders from Gov. Wentworth, dated March 26, 1748.—Ed.]

[R. 4-2] [*Certificate of Military Service, 1748.*]

James Clements & Benjamin Ricker Both of Summersworth was Imprest under Capt Job Clements Deceased in ye Country Service to Guard ye Frontiers at Rochester against ye Indian Enemy on August ye 29th 1748 & Continued Till the 30th Day of September following.

James Clements
Benjamin Rickers

April ye 16th 1753

[Sworn to before Thomas Wallingford.—Ed.]

[R. 4-4]

Moses Ricker of Summersworth Came in the SCout at Rochester under the Command of Cp[t] Job Clements in the year 1748 august the first & Continued in that Sarvis twenty Eight Dayes Moses Ricker

[Sworn to at Dover, April 29, 1753, before Thomas Wallingford.—Ed.]

[R. 4-5]

[In a petition dated Jan. 28, 1757, Isaac Hanson, of Somersworth, stated that he was a volunteer in the Crown Point expedition, and arrived home Nov. 26. Was taken sick at Deerfield, on the way home, with "pluratick Fevor." He wanted an allowance to pay Dr. Smith, etc. Petition dismissed.—Ed.]

[R. 4-6]

[This document is a letter from Dr. Moses Carr to Col. John Goffe, asking him to procure pay for visits and "choice medicines" administered to one John Robinson, a soldier under Goffe's command at Cochecho in 1748. The letter, which is dated Somersworth, Jan. 31, 1860, was before the legislature Feb. 28, 1760, and dismissed.—Ed.]

[10-133] [*Petition for an entire Separation from Dover: addressed to the General Assembly, Jan. 9, 1754.*]

The Humble Petition of Thomas Wallingford Esq[r] John Wentworth Gent and Moses Stevens Tanner all of the Parish of Somersworth in said Province as a Committee of said Parish shews—

That the said Parish was made by an Act of the Assembly & separated from the Town of Dover by particular Boundaries as to the Maintenance of the Ministry School, and Poor, but in all other Respects Remain'd as a part of the Town of Dover in said province which in several Respects has been Inconvenient to the Inhabitants of said parish particularly as they are Obliged to resort to Cochecho to Transact any public business, to attend the Town Meetings there—to attend the Select Mens Meetings there and whatever Concerns the Town In General—and as they are Obliged to Hire a Collector of their parish Taxes and sometimes at an Extravagant Rate which is a standing Charge, and as it were a Dead weight on the said Inhabitants—they not

having power to chuse a Constable or Collector and Invest him with the power that Constables of Towns have to collect Taxes by Distress, nor in any other summary way—That were they severd from and Independent of said Town to all Intents, they Coud make many by Rules and orders Accommodated to their particular Situation and Circumstances which woud not Suit the Town in General, and which therefore the said Inhabitants cannot obtain as they are sure when any such matter is Movd to be out Voted as they have but few Qualified Voters in Comparison with the Town—that the Town of Dover is Large and coud without any Considerable Disadvantage — or at least any that woud Ballance the benefit to said Inhabitants, spare them to all Intents, as said Town have many good farms Wealthy thriving Inhabitants and are well able without any Assistance from said parish, to support all Town & province charges that can be supposd to fall upon them in Case of such an Intire Separation & Independance—

Wherefore your Peticoners in behalf of their Principals and by their Order most Humbly pray that the said parish may be Erected and Incorporated into a Town by a special Act Comprehending the same Lands and limited by the same Bounds as the said parish—that they may be Intirely Disunited from the said Town of Dover and Exonerated of and from, all Duty there, and Invested with all the Rights and privileges Fanchises and Emoluments which any other Town in this province holds and Enjoys and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Thos Wallingford
John Wentworth
Moses Stevens

[The petition was granted, and the parish erected into a township by the name of "Sumersworth," April 22, 1754.—Ed.]

[10–132½] [*Petition relative to Works on Salmon Falls River, 1760.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governr and Commander in Chief in & Over his Majestys Province of New Hampshr, the Honble his Majesty's Council & House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened the 25th Day of January 1760—

The Humble Petition of Thomas Wallingsford Esqr and John Wentworth Gent, both of Somersworth in said Province

in behalf of themselves and others Concerned in the Works on Salmon Falls River on the side of Somersworth SHEWS

THAT the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Dover in the Year 1701 at a Public Town Meeting Granted to John Tuttle and Ezekiel Wentworth their Heirs and Assigns the whole Accommodations of the Westward side of the Salmon Falls for the Erecting a Mill or Mills or any other works which they should Judge Convenient with suitable Accommodations of Land with the use of the River belonging to said Falls &c—on such Terms and Conditions as are Limited in said Grant, in the Right of which Grantees Divers Mills & necessary works for the Improvement of said Privilege have been Built & held ever since And among other works it has been found Necessary to Lay a Boom aCross said River Stay'd and supported by piers to stop the Timber—which comes down the River to be drawn out as Occasion Required the half of which has been maintained by the Owners on Berwick side of said River the whole being a Work of Considerable Expence—THAT the Interest of the said Grantees is by descents and purchases now Vested in many persons many of whom having a small Interest or being averse to bearing their part in out-sets or for other Reasons within their own Breast will not pay their just proportion of the charge of keeping said boom in Repair and so the privilege there must either be in a Great Measure lost or the charge of said Repairs sustained by a few who are willing to bear their part of charge as well as to Reap their proportion of profit—and the said Building is now so decay^d as to be unfit for the use designd & must for that purpose be Rebuilt

WHEREFORE Your petition^rs Humbly pray that they may be formd Into a propriety Enabled to meet and pass such Votes Respecting the Manner of Rebuilding said boom & all necessary appendages & appurten^s thereof as to the Major part of the Interested shall seem best for the General Good as also for and Concerning the use and Improvement and Future Repairs thereof and to Grant such sums of Money Assess and Tax the several Owners according to their Respective Interests and collect and Levy the same in the same summary Method of Town Charges with such other necessary Incidents and modes as are Common to proprietors of Common and undivided Land that from hence forward the said Business may be Conducted in a more Equitable manner than heretofore and that Your petition^rs may have leave to bring in a bill Accordingly and they will as in duty Bound Ever Pray &c

Thos Wallingford
Jno Wentworth

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 25, 1760, the foregoing petition was read, and a time of hearing appointed. In H. of Rep., Feb. 19, 1760, "This petition being read, & the adverse party being Duly notified, did not appear—Voted, That the prayer thereof be Granted, & that ye petitioners have Liberty to Bring in a Bill accordingly." Council concurred.—Ed.]

[*Relative to incorporating the Proprietors of Salmon Falls Mills, 1761.*]

Notice is hereby given that the proprietors of the Stream & Previledges of Salmon Falls so called have petitioned the General Asembly of the Province of New Hampshire to be (by an Act) Incorporated into a Propriety and endowd with Sundry Previledges &c

If therefore any person hath any reason to offer why such an Act should not pass thro' the Legislature they are to file the same with his Excellency the Govern^r by the Twenty Second Day of this Instant March

Province of New Hampshire March 7th 1761

By his Excellencys Command

Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

This may Certify whom it may Concern y^t this Paper has been Expos^d to view three Publick Days at Somersworth

Att^t Moses Carr Town Clerk

Somersworth March 10th 1761

[The "Mills & Works on Salmon falls, in Somersworth," were incorporated by an act passed Aug. 13. 1761. I think this was the first incorporated manufacturing company in the state.—Ed.]

[*Major Wentworth's Account.*]

Somersworth August ye 6th 1778.

State of New Hampshire to Jon^a Wentworth D^r to Service at Rhodeisland from the above date untill the first Day of September as Major under Col^o Evans by the Commander in Chief order—

wages at the rate of fifteen pounds p^r month—	£12–10–0
Rations Not Drawn	2–10–0
To travel two and from	5– 0–0
	£20–0–0

[Sworn to before John Waldron, Dec. 16, 1786.]

[R. 4–10] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Somersworth August ye 15th 1783

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety now Sitting at Exeter—Please to pay all the Money that is Due to me for my Services in the Continental Army in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty to Maj^r Jon^a Wentworth and His Rec^t shall be allowed—

By your Humble Servt

Stephen Noble

[R. 4–11]

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire For Value Rec^d please to pay Maj^r Jon^a Wentworth all the Money with Rations Cloathing &c that is Due to me for twelve Months Service in the Continantal Army 2nd New Hampshire Regiment and his Rec^t shall be a full Discharge

From your Humble Servt

Mark Wentworth

Somersworth 10th 1783

[R. 4–12]

To His Excellency Meshech Weare Esqr Please to order the Ballance that shall be found Due to my son Eliphelet Cromwell as a Soaldier in Capt Carr's Company Second New Hampshire Reg^t who fell by the Savages Near Saratoga in July 1777 paid to Maj^r Jon^a Wentworth and his Rec^t shall be a full Discharge for the Same—

From Your Obedient Humble Servt—

Eliphalet Cromwell

Somersworth October y^e 19th 1784

His Excellency M. Weare Esqr

[R. 4–13]

Sir Please to pay Ben Ives Gilman or order all that is due to me, for my late husband Mark Tate's Services, he having been a Soldier in the Second New Hampshire Regiment

Value Rec^d witness my hand—

Betty $\overset{\text{her}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Tate

Somersworth Sepr 22^d 1784.

This may Certify that Betty Tate Signer to the above Order, was the Lawful wife to the above mentioned Mark Tate, and has a Legal Right to Demand the pay as above

John Pike Town Clk

Somersworth Sepr 22^{d} 1784—

[Rev. Papers, p. 55.] [*Somersworth Men in 2d N. H. Battalion.*]

Wm Leaver age 19, Capt. Norris's Co. Left at Albany wounded.
Daniel Alley age 40, Capt. Blodgett's Co.
Wm Grant age 35, Capt. Carr's Co.
Thos Hammock age 24, Capt. Carr's Co.
Patrick Murphy age 46, Capt. Carr's Co.
Daniel Wentworth age 20, Capt. Drew's Co. wounded.
Enoch Burnham age 27, Capt. Rowell's Co. missing.

[P. 63] [The following are on a return of Capt. James Carr's Co.—no date.

George Fall, Sergeant, Edward Grant, Saml Grant, Cato Wallingford.

[P. 265. Same Co.]

John Edwards,	age 27,	enlisted	Feb.	11,	1777.
Eliphalet Cromwell,	age 25,	"	Mar.	4,	"
James Menden,	" 17,	"	"	18,	"
Mark Tate,	" 23,	"	"	31,	"
William Grant,	" 28,	"	"	31,	"
George Fall,	" 21,	"	"	12,	"
Edward Grant,	" 21,	"	"	18,	"
Patrick Murray,	" 56,	"	Feb.	17,	"]

[P. 269.] [*Soldiers in 1775 and 1776.*]

Mark Tate,	Richard Yeaton,	Love Roberts,
Francis Roberts	George Ricker	Wilaby Goodwin
John Foss	Jonathan Young	Noah Goodwin
Eanoch Whitehouse	Andrew Horn	George Burnam
James Burnam	Samuel Joans	Daniel Grant
Joshaua Grant	George Robarts	Ezekiel Ricker
Eben^{r} Whitehouse		

This may certifie the above is a List of the persons Engaged in the american service in the year 1775 and Enlisted for 1776

with the sum affixt to each persons name for his province tax for the year 1775

Somth Decr 10th : 1776

Paul Wentworth
John Rollins } Selectmen
Eben^{r} Ricker

[The whole amount of these men's taxes was £4–2–8. Ed.]

SOUTH HAMPTON.

The town was incorporated May 25, 1742, in answer to a petition of Thomas Merrill and others, and comprised portions of territory formerly belonging to Amesbury and Salisbury in Massachusetts, which were severed from those towns by the establishment of the province line in 1741. December 4, 1742, the east end of the town was severed, and annexed to Hampton Falls. In 1748 several persons in the west part of the town petitioned to be "polled off" to Newton. The matter was considered in a town-meeting July 7, 1748, and leave granted to all who would send their names to the secretary of the province within thirty days from that date. Thirty men did so; and by an instrument dated March 22, 1749, were "polled and set off" to Newton in all matters except the building and repairing of highways. January 4, 1772, a line was established between the two towns by an act of the legislature.

November 30, 1824, a small tract of land belonging to Richard Fitz was severed from East Kingston, and annexed to this town.

Hon. Phillips White died in town June 24, 1811, aged 82. He was a member of congress in 1782 and 1783, of the state council in 1792 and 1793, and judge of probate for many years.

Corporal David Page was in Capt. Enoch Chase's Company at "New Hampshire Village, Feb, 14th, 1781."

[10–53] [*Town Fast-Day appointed, 1742.*]

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton November the 26 : 1742 John Flanders was Chosen mod-

erator for the Same meeting at the Same meeting it was Taken in to Consideration that where as we the Inhabitants of this Town being In Present want of a Peious larned orthodox minister of a Good Conversation to Dispence the word and administer the ordinances of our lord Jesus a mong us and it being our Duty to look up to Heaven for Divine assistance to Gide us In all our affairs there fore voted that thursday ye 2 Day of December next is appointed to be a Day of Fasting and Prayer in order for the Calling and Settling a Gospel minister among us the vote was Past In the affirmative, at the Same meeting Capt Jonathan Currier and Joseph French ju^r was Chosen a Committee to Call in the assistance of the Neighbouring ministers to Celebrate a Day of Fasting and Prayer among us ye vote was Past In the affirmative, at ye Same meeting Jonathan Farran James George Daniel Goodwin Jacob Colby Samuel Goodwin John Elliot David Goodwin Philip Challis David Colby Nathaniel Ash Enters their Contrary Desents against the vote for the Fast which was for Calling and Settelling a Gospel minister among us. A True Coppy Taken out of South Hampton Town Book of Records attest Richd Collins Town Clerk

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[10–53] [*Vote to employ Rev. William Parsons, 1742.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton December ye 27 : 1742 John Flanders was Chosen moderator for the Same meeting. at the Same meeting it was Voted that we Will Give the Rev^d mr William Parsons a Call to Settel In the work of the Gospel ministry among us voted In the affirmative. at the Same meeting mr Joseph French mr John Ordway Leu^t Joseph Jewell and Capt Jonathan Currier was Chosen a Committee to Carry to the Rev^d mr William Parsons the Towns offer of what they will Give him for his annual Sallery for Carring on the work of the Gospel ministry among us and Receive the Rev^d mr William Parsons answer and make Report to the adjurnement of the meeting Voted on the affirmative, the meeting is adjurn^d from the 27 Day of December : 1742 to the 3 Day of January 1742/3 then the meeting was Readjurn^d from ye 3 Day of January : 1742/3 to ye 17 Day of this Present Janury at 12 of ye Clock at the Same meeting James George Jonathan Farran Aaron Currier David Goodwin David Colby Daniel Goodwin zaccheus Colby Philip Challis Jonathan Watson Samuel Goodwin Rogles Colby Roger Eastman Jacob Colby Robert Martain Micah Hoyt Enters there Contrary Desents against the vote for Calling and Setteling ye Rev^d mr William Parsons or any other man in the work of the ministry under there Present Curcomstances

A True Coppy Taken Out of South Hampton Town Book of Records

attest Richd Collins Town Clerk

[Rev. William Parsons was ordained over the church here in 1743, and dismissed in October, 1762.—Ed.]

[10–51] [*Vote of Town relative to setting off the West Part.*]

at A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton September ye 29 Cornet Abraham Brown was Chosen moderator for the Same meeting at the Same meeting it was taken Into Consideration that Whereas there are A number of Inhabitants of the upēr or west Part of this Town that Lives at Considerable Distance from meeting and they thought In time to be Better accommadated then Constantly to assemble with us and we being Disirous to Exercise all Christian Regard and Kindness to them votes first that all those Persons that lives above or to the westward of Capt Jonathan Curriers that have a mind to go off and be a Parish Shall have there Extraordinary Charge that they are now at among us Paid back again to them that is to Say all their Part of the Extraordinary Charge that Shall a Rise to them by Finishing the meeting House Setteling a minister and Building for him when they shall be thought Capable by Lawfull authority to maintain the Gospel of Christ among them Provided they Do not molest or hinders us of the other Part in our Speedy Setteling a Gospel minister among us and that they Pay toward his Support while they are of us or belong to us hoping at the Same time they will of there own free will be assisting to us—2ly voted that we will make no opposition to them in there Indeavors to be A Reguler town or Parrish when Ever they Shall be thought Capable by Lawfull authority voted in the affirmative

a True Coppy Taken Out of South Hampton Town Book of Recoards

Attest Richd Collins Town Clerk

[10–52] [*Another Vote relative to the foregoing, 1748.*]

At A lagual meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton July ye 7 1748 John Paige Esqr was Chosen moderator—

at the Same meeting it was Considered that whereas there are A Number of Persons that Lives at the west end of this

Town that thinks they Can better accommodate them Selves by joyning with there Neighbours for a meeting House then Constantly to assemble with us and we Being willing to Shew them all Christian Regard and Kindness votes that all those Persons that lives at the west end of this Town that have a mind to go off Shall have the Liberty to Pole off them Selves and there Estates which they now have and joyne with there Neighbours In the District for a Parrish In all affairs Provided they Pole off or File a list of there names with his Exceelency the Governour within thirty Dayes from the Day of the Date here of voted In the affirmative

a True Coppy Taken Out of South Hampton Town Book of Recoards

attest Richd Collins Town Clerk

[Thirty persons filed their names as provided, and were "polled and set off" to Newton by act of the governor and council, March 22, 1749, and the line between the towns was established by act of the legislature, January 4, 1772.—Ed.]

[R. 4–14] [*Order to impress Christopher Flanders, 1759.*]

Province of New Hamps^r

To Mr Nathanael Morrill Clark of the Company Under the Command of Captain Ephraim Brown of South Hampton in the Province aforesaid Or to Either of the Sergeants or Corporals belonging to said Company

Greeting

You are hereby Required forthwith to Impress Christopher Flanders of South Hampton aforesaid Husbandman for his Majestys Service in the Expedition now Carrying on for the Reduction of Canada Requiring him forthwith to Attend Said Duty: Said Christopher Belonging to the Aforesaid Company Ought to do Duty therein but has Indeavoured to Avoid the Same

Hereof fail not And make Return to me of your Doings herein—Dated at Hampton falls In the Province aforesaid the 24th Day of April In the 32^d year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1759—

Meshech Weare Col^o

Province of New Hamps^r April 25th 1759

By vertue of the within Precept I have Impressed Christo-

pher Flanders within named and have Notified him forthwith to attend his Majestys Service And Appear before Col° Meshech Weare Within Named for further Order

Nathl morrill clark

[R. 4–15] [*Statement of several Crown Point Soldiers: addressed to the Assembly, 1761.*]

we whose names are hereunto Subscribed we are In His majesties Servis at the Total Reduction of Canada in the year Last past under the Command of Capt Jeremiah marstin and Capt Jacob Tilton in Cornol Goffs Rigement—and after mountreal Surranderd to His Brittanick majesties army we ware ordered back to Crown point and when we Came to Crown point we foolishly Immagining Throug our Ignorance that our Time wase out that we Listed for and So foollishly Came away not Considering the Ill Consequinces of Coming off without orders and we are Sensable that we are under the Greatest oblegation to be Humble for our folly and madness and for setting Such Ill examples and we do present This our Humble Pitition To your Exelency and your Right worthy Honours Hoping and praying that of your Grace and Good plesure would be pleased to overLook our offence in disarting His majesties Servis without orders—and we further Beg and pray your Exelency and your Honours of your further Grace and Good Pleasure would be pleasd to order To us the wagers for the Time we wear in the aforesaid Searvis that would have Been due to us Ife we had not So unhappily disearted with out orders and In Testimony of our Humble desire we do Humbly Rely on your Exelencys and Honours Grac and marcy Humblely Craving your peculier Regard for wee are in Needy Surcomstancs and So we Remain your Dutifull Servants—

Dated at South Hampton march ye 16: 1761—

Ebenezer Brown Jur
Robert pike
Ezra Getchel
Nathaniel merrill
henery french ir
Gideon Gould
Timothy Clough all of Capt marstins Company
Edward Green of Capt Tiltons company

[R. 4–16] [*Certificate of Enlistment, 1780.*]

Exeter March 7th 1780

this May Certefy that Epheram & trueworthy Dudly Inlisted with Me the 3 Day of Aperil in the year 1777 theay Also ware Mustered For the town of Southampton & Recivd of Captain Parker Flanders One Hundred Dollars Each as hire For that pirpos Jonª Cass

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[10–54] [*Petition of sundry Persons to be annexed to Newton.*]

We Subscribers Inhabitants of South-Hampton do humbly request that we & our Estates may be Annex'd to Newton for the reasons following (viz)—

We were originally of the Almesbury District, which is now called Newtown—

We can attend publick worship there with more ease; the way to it being much better, & the place of worship nearer. Some of us live within half a Mile of Newtown Meeting House & four Miles from our Own—

The most of us do constantly attend publick worship at Newtown & enjoy special religious priveledges there: but are deny'd the Satisfaction of paying our Money where we have our favours, & to those to whom it seems of right due; & the Mortification of paying it to such as do us no good—

We are ill accommodated in regard to schooling for our Children: Newtown's School we have no right to, South Hampton is so distant that we cannot send to it. Indeed South Hampton hath in some instances left our proportion of the School Money to our own disposal but the Sum is so small that it will not maintain a School long enough to be of any considerable benefit: & even while it does support a School among us we live so Scatter'd & at such a distance from one another that the School cannot be so plac'd as to well accommodate us all at once.

Our condition is really in our account very unhappy: we therefore earnestly beg that your Excellency, & Honors, would take it under your consideration & grant such relief as in your wisdom you shall think proper

Jonathan Courier	Samuel Kimball
Philip Currier	Challis Currier
Thomas Currier	Nathan Currier
Charles Coollins	James Currier
Aaron Sargent	Sarah Currier

[In H. of Rep., March 22, 1770, John Giddings and Dr. Ebenezer Thompson were appointed a committee, to which the council added Daniel Pierce, to make inquiries, and report to the assembly. The matter was settled by the legislature, January 4, 1772.—Ed.]

[10-55] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

South Hampton Decr 16, 1783
State of Newhampshire Rockingham ss:

Agreable to a Vote of the General Assembly we the Subscribers have Taken the Number of Polls in said Town that pay Taxes from Twenty one years of Age and Upwards and the Number is Eighty Six—

Joseph Merrill } Select
William graves } Men

[10-56] [*Hon. Phillips White declines a Reëlection to Congress, 1783.*]

South Hampton Decr 22^{d} 1783
Hon^{d} Sir

Rec^{d} A Line from the Secretary, Informing of my being appointed A Delegate to Congress, and requesting an answer—I thank the Honb^{le} Court for the Honor done me, but my affairs are in such Situation, that I cannot Engage. I am your Hon^{r} Obed^{t} Hum^{bl} Servt

P White

Hon Meshech Weare President of Council

[Mr. White was a member of congress in 1782 and 1783. Ed.]

[10-57] [*Protest against the Adoption of Articles 8 and 9 of the Confederation, 1783.*]

This May Certify that I Eliphelet Merrill as Representative for the Town of South Hampton & Newtown Agreable to Instructions from Said towns do Enter my protest Against the Eighth & Ninth Articles of the Confedaration as proposed by the Honb^{le} Continental Congress Being Rec^{d} by this State as they Now Stand—

Eliphelet Merrill

[10–58] [*Hon. Phillips White declines the Office of Senator.*]

South Hampton Decr 5 1794

Sir

Rec^{d} your fav^{r} enclosing a Notification of my being appointed by the general Court A Senator for Ds^{t} N° 2 in this state—

In the course of the last year I made mention to several of the members of the general Court that belonged to this County and others that I inclined to retire from Public business. I remain of the same mind and determine that the liberty which I now enjoy shall not be interrupted by my Accepting of said appointment, this from

your Huml Servt

P White

Nathaniel Parker Esqr

[10–59] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to establish a Town Line, 1794.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of South Hampton in said state, in behalf of Said town and agreeable to a Vote of the same Hnmbly Sheweth—

that not a long time after said town of South Hampton was Incorporated, a Number of the Inhabitants at the Eastwardly part of Said Town Petitioned the General Court to be annexed to Hampton falls, which was granted and all the Inhabitants & there Estates Eastward of a certain line from the South East corner bounds of Kensington to the State line were thereby annexed to Hampton falls, leaving the nonresident lands to South Hampton, not a long time after those annexed Inhabitants together with a part of What was formerly Hampton falls were Incorporated into a town by the name of Seabrook which brought the Side line of South Hampton not far from the middle of Said town of Seabrook. Since which time many disputes have arisen with regard to taxation, but we cannot find on any record that said line hath been Perambulated since said towns were Incorporated, that is the line Eastward from the South East corner bounds of Kensington to the Atlantic Ocean, but Since the late Act of the Honble General Court requiring all towns in said state to Perambulate there lines and renew the bounds and Monuments, your petitioners have made Application to the select men of said town of Seabrook and likewise of Hampton falls to Perambulate said line. but a difference of Sentiment appears to be betwixt them and us with regard to the

place where said line shall be Perambulated, which we think is not likely to be Settled without the Interposition of your Honours having in our opinion taken Every reasonable method to Settle the same, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honours would take the Matter under your wise Consideration and appoint a comittee to Establish said line agreeably to the returns that may appear, that is the line from the South East corner bounds of Kensington Eastward to the Atlantic Ocean, or take such other order upon the same as your Honours in your Wisdom may think proper, and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray—

South Hampton Decr 8th 1794

Jacob Collins
Joseph Jones jur } Select Men
John H Pilsbury

SPRINGFIELD.

The township was granted Jan. 3, 1769, to John Fisher, of Portsmouth, and fifty-nine others, by the name of Protectworth. Settlements were made in 1772, but the town contained only 210 inhabitants in 1790. The town was known by the aforesaid name until Jan. 23, 1794, when it was incorporated, and named Springfield. By an act passed June 20, 1817, a tract of land lying between this town and Enfield called Heath's Gore, was annexed to this town.

[10–60] [*Relative to Wentworth's Reservation: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition & Memorial of Us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Township of Protectworth in the County of Grafton in the State aforesaid unto Your Hon^{rs} humbly Shews—

That Your Petitioners labour under very great Hardships for the Want of a Grist Mill whereby they have Annually lost near half the Value of their Grain in going to distant Mills, That the Priviledge whereon the present Saw Mill is erected, is by no Means sufficient for the Purpose of a Grist Mill, having scarcely Water enough to supply Boards for the present Inhab-

itants, and your Petitioners having assembled themselves together, chose a Committee to inspect a Place suitable for that Purpose who proceeded upon that Business and found an excellent Place called the great Bog Brook on the North Westerly Part of the Town North of Samuel Stevens lot, as the only Place that can accommodate the Town, which Your Petitioners are informed belongs to the Estate of John Wentworth Esqr late Govr of New Hampshire now an Absentee and to be appropriated for the Benefit of his Creditors and as the building the said Mill greatly enhanced the Value of the Land in the Town Your Petitioners humbly apply to this Honble Court for a Grant of Two hundred Acres of Land, to be disposed of as the Town may think most advantageous to them, in Consideration of which, the Town will undertake to build & keep the said Grist Mill always fit for Use. If your Honours sh^d not think yourselves sufficiently authorized to make said Grant as being a Property already appropriated they pray the Honble Judge of Probate may be advised on this Matter so interesting to yr Petitioners and their dependant Families whose Wants for the bread of life are often pinching, while they are so far situated in the Wilderness from Mills; And Your Petitioners further pray this Honble Court would Oblige the Proprietors of the Township called Alexandria Addition and other Towns thro' which they must travell to and from the lower Parts of the State to cutt out & clear their Roads, which has been wholly done by Your Petitioners hitherto to their great Injury and Damage, Your Petitioners are desirous at this Time to acknowledge themselves the Subjects of this State notwithstanding the Extension of the Jurisdiction of Vermont and that they would wish ever to remain so, Your Petitioners pray such Relief on this Petition as Your Honours in your Wisdom may think proper—

David Hall	Israel Clifford	Nathan Letel
Daniel heath	wadleigh Smith	Ruben Stevens
Enoch heath	John Lovring	Ruben hoit
Zephaniah Petee	Matthew Pettengill	Thomas Colcord
Nichlus Hardy	Samuel Day	Daniel Bean
Ebenezer Loverin	John Couch	David Bean
Israel Clifford Jun	Thomus Gordin sen	John Sawer
Nathaniel Clark	Thomus Gordin	Jonathan Dudley
George Witaer	Juner	Samuel Stevens
Samuel Stevens	Benjamin Choate	

[10-61] [*Relative to Gov. Wentworth's Land: addressed to the General Assembly, 1780.*]

The Memorial, and Petition of the Proprietors of Protectworth in the County of Grafton in the State aforesaid, unto your Honours Humbly Shews—

That John Wentworth Esqr late Governor of New Hampshire purchased Twelve Thousand Acres of Land in said Township equal to Twenty seven shares which were accordingly allotted out at the Expence of this Proprietary, and afterwards drawn to said Shares, That for Settlement of said Land, the Governor agreed to give away Eighteen Lotts of one hundred Acres each to setlers, and imployed Capt J Minot of Concord for that Purpose, and also gave away to sundry Persons several of his Seventy five Acre Lots to be setled, but before he had executed his Deeds for the same, he quitted the Government, and Capt Minot also failing in his Contract, the whole Burthen of the Settlement has fallen on ye Petitioners who have given away more than Twenty setling Lots, besides paying for public Roads & allotting the Town, and the State Taxes for the years 1777, and 1778, whilst all the Proprietary, and State Taxes on the said Governors Rights are wholly unpaid, and altho your Petitioners have directed their Collector to proceed in the Sale thereof agreable to Law, and Notifications in the public Prints for that Purpose, yet as by the Sequestration, & Confiscation Acts, the said Governors Estate becomes forfeited, Your Petitioners out of Respect to Government, have desired said Collector to desist in the Sale of the delinquent Rights until they have the advisement of the Honble Court, and they humbly pray your Honours to appoint a Committee to examine into the State of this Dependency, & to report thereon so as this Honble Court may grant such Relief thereon as may be found Reasonable—And that those Persons who have had Lots promised them by the Governor may be confirmed thereon, and that the said Eighteen Lots of one hundred Acres each designed for the Settlement of the Town, may be disposed of by the Proprietors in the most Beneficial manner for the Settlement of the Town, and that the Seventy five Acres on which the Taxes have been laid may be sold for payment thereof agreable to Law, or otherways paid by an Order on the Treasury, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Jonathan Warner, Moderator.

Portsm^{o} June 16th 1780 A true Coppy from the Records of the Proprietors of Protectworth

Attested per John Wendell p^{rs} Clerk

[10–62] [*Petition from Settlers on the Governor Wentworth Lots: addressed to the Assembly, 1780.*]

Humbly Shews Your Petitioners that John Wentworth Esqr late Governor in Granting the Township of Protectworth made a Reserve to himself of about Twelve thousand Acres of Land and to enhance the Value thereof, Promis^{d} a Certain quantity of Land to any persons who Should begin Settlement on said Tract, upon which encouragement and Verbal Agreement with said Governor Each of Your Petitioners begun Settlement and a Number became Actual Settlers in said Township having a Promise also that a passable Highway should be cut and cleared to said Town and thence to each Settlers Lott, which Lotts as p^{r} Agreement for quantity are as represented in the Schedule hereto Annexed, and also that a Corn Mill should be built in the Town afores^{d} for the benefit of the Propriators, neither of which promises has in the least been peformed, to the great detriment of your Petitioners, and that to the Amount of a considerable Sum in opening highways to and in said Town, And Circumstances being such at present we know of no way how to obtain Title to our lands but by Application to Your hon^{rs} wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray, that their Claim to the Lotts of Land above refered to may be confirmed to them by an Act of the Hon^{bl} Assembly in such manner as You in Wisdom shall Judge most proper, and as the before mentioned Tract of Land is now become the property of this State, We pray that an Adequate sum be Allowed your Petitioners for opening and clearing highways, and that we may have a Corn Mill built according to Promise when Your Petitioners made Settlement, the Non-performance of the before mentiond Promises being a burden too heavy for your Poor Petitioners to bear, and Except relieved by your hon^{rs} must finally Sink under the weight, and as your Petitioners Viz those that reside in s^{d} Protectworth by the aforesaid difficulties are very much reduced, having a Will altho not ability to pay Taxes, pray, their Polls may be abated the present year and as in Duty bound Your Petioners shall Ever pray

Protectworth June 5th 1780

Samuel Stevens one 75 Acre Lott N° o
Nathaniel Clark one 75 Acre Lott N° o
Nicholas Hardy one 75 Acre Lott N° o
Zephaniah Petty one 75 Acre Lott N°
David Bean one 75 Acre Lott N°
Thomas Gordon Junr one 75 Acre Lott No°
Isaac Sanborn one 75 Acre Lott N° o
abraham Sandborn

Daniel Clark one 75 Acre Lott N° o
Moses Elkins one 75 Acre Lott N°
David Hall one 75 Acre Lott N° o
Matthew Pettingall two 75 acre Lotts N° o
Moses Call one 75 Acre Lott N° o
Moses Loverein
Nathaniel Little one 75 Acre Lott N°
Ebenezer Loverain 75 acre Lott N° o
Jacob Heeth
Ezekiel Heeth
Daniel Heeth

[10–63] [*Report of Committee on foregoing, 1780.*]

State of New Hamp^r

In the House of Representatives June 21st 1780.

The Committee on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Protectworth, Report that they think it Reasonable that an Act should pass Confirming to the Fifteen persons first named in the Schedule Annexed to the Petition their Heirs and Assigns the fee of a Seventy five Acre lott of Land, to wit the respective Lott on which Each person hath made Improvement, Provided a Family is actually settled thereon within Twelve Months—and to the Three last Mentioned in said Schedule, Viz Jacob Heath, Ezekiel Heath, and Daniel Heath One Hundred Acres Each to be laid out to Cover their several and respective Improvements, and are of Opinion that the Determination of fulfilling any further Promises said to be made said Settlers by Govr Wentworth, be postponed untill some Evidence of such promises Appear, Signed Ge° Atkinson Chairman, which report being read & Considered: Voted that it be received and Accepted, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill Accordingly—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Council the same day read and Concurred

E Thompson Sec^ry

[10–64] [*Oliver Whipple's statement relative to the Settlers on the Governor's Land, 1780.*]

Portsmouth June 19, 1780

Gentlemen

Mr Wendall having requested me to give the Honble Committee what Information I could, respecting Governor Went-

worth's Interest in the Township of Protectworth, on Consideration, I recollect the following Facts—

That in the Year 1771, as I remember, Governor John Wentworth, told me he had Lands in the Township of Protectworth, and that he wanted about ten or a dozen Families to settle on the same; he asked me, if it was probable I could procure that Number of Settlers in the State of Rhode Island, for him, to settle his Lands in said Protectworth, I told him it was likly I could get that Number; accordingly at his Request & on his Behalf, I wrote an Advertisment, sent it to Providence to Mr Carter the Printer of the Providence Gazzette, which he published; In which Advertisment, I offered as an Inducment to Setlers, (agreeable to the Governor's Directions) to give each Setler, one hundred Acres of Land in Protectworth; The exact Number of Setlers the Governor wanted I cant be certain of, but I think about twelve but he told me, if there were twenty or more it would be agreeable, as the other Proprietors would be glad to take them on the same Lay and I think I advertised for about 20 Setlers: In Consequence of my Advertising, some Persons from that Quarter wrote me, They would accept my offer, and I understood they set out to see that Part of the Country, but on their going into those Parts, they found other Lands, more agreeable, as I was informed, & so made no further Application to me; The Governor to my Knowledge, was urgent with me to get those Setlers for him, as he was extremly desirous to have his Part in that Town, settled as soon as possible; This is all I can recollect after so long Time has elapsed, had I the Advertisment I could be perticular, but the foregoing is the Substance, the Truth of which I am ready to give Oath to, if call'd on,—I am Gentlemen, your most obedt & very Humble Servt

Oliver Whipple

To The Honble George Atkinson Esqr & others a Committee of the General Assembly of New Hampshire appointed to consider the Petition of the Inhabitants & Proprietors of the Township of Protectworth

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[10–65] [*Samuel Gilman relative to foregoing, 1781.*]

Protectworth 18th June 1781—

Sir

Not having yet compleated my Business here, and being uncertain whether I shall be able to return before the General Court rises, I take the liberty to represent to you, that tho' I find the People well enough satisfied with what has been done by the Court respecting their Settling Lotts, yet they Labour

under very great Difficulties for want of Roads and a Grist Mill, particularly a Mill and are very desirous that a Lot might be appropriated for that Purpose, which I have no Right to do, without Orders of Court, which if I don't return soon, shall not be able to obtain before the Sale, unless you Sir, will please to make Application that the Committe of Safty might be Authorised to Examine and take Order in the Matter, on my Return—the Matter being of so great Consequence to the People and Prosperity & advancement of the Settlement doubt not your doing what you can in the Affair—Am Sir in hast your most humble Servt—

Saml Gilman

To John Wendell Esq, Portsmouth

Setlers in the Township of Protectworth

Samuel Stevens	Moses Elkins	John Sawyer
Isaac Sanborn	Zeph: Petty	Matthew Scales
Abraham Sanborn	Benja Choate	Thomas Colcord jr
Nathl Clarke	Matthew Pettingale	——— Quinby
Geo: Pitcher	John Cootch	Israel Clifford
John Lovering	Wm Cousier	Jonathan Dudley
Samuel Stevens Jr	David Bean	Tristam Clifford
Moses Lovering	Daniel Bean	Jacob Heath
Israel Clifford junr	David Hall	Enoch Heath
Ebenezer Lovering	Thomas Gordon	Daniel Heath
Caleb Lovering	Thomas Gordon junr	Nathaniel Little
Nichs Hardy	Samuel Day	Daniel Clarke.—

[10–66] [*Petition for a Lot for a Grist-Mill, 1781: addressed to the Legislature.*]

The Memorial & Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Protectworth in the State aforesaid Humbly Shews—

That your Petitioners have setled in the said Township to the number of forty & more daily expected in. that the roads to said Township are extreme bad from black Water bridge about the distance of Eight Miles, and what is now done has been done by your Petitioners at their own Cost & Expence, by which the Land through which it passes is much enhanced in Value, & is now & will be hereafter greatly Travell'd through as the Country opens. Your Petitioners further begs Leave to represent to this Honourable Court that the proprietors have built them a Saw Mill in said Township, but that there is no Stream Sufficient to Carry a Grist Mill only on the north part of the Town, which formerly belonged to the late Governor

Wentworth, and which is now laying out by the Trustee of his Estate, who is now desirous of reserving to your Petitioners a Mill Lott for that Priviledge, but cannot without Leave of this Honorable Court, which Priviledge if the said Trustee shoud Sell wou'd greatly Damage the Settlement of said Township, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the Owners of said Land through which the said Road Passes may be obliged to reimburse a reasonable sum for making said road and that they be obliged to make the same Passable for Waggons, and that your Honors wou'd Authorize the Honble Committee of Safety to set a part as much Land for the purpose of a Gris Mill as they together with the said Trustee upon his return from Surveying the same shall judge reasonable Your Petitioners wou'd also beg leave to Inform this Honorable Court that they have been sent to by the State of Vermont for their Quota of Men, yet they have taken no Notice thereof, but are desirous of still remaining Subject to the State of New Hampshire to which they have hitherto thought themselves belonging,—Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

John Wendell in Behalf of the Setlers in Protectworth

June 22^d 1781—

[10-67] [*Relative to maintaining the Road through New London, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Cheshire County

To the Hon^le General Court of s^d State—

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers, Inhabitants and setlers, of the Township Called Protectworth; we your Humble petitioners, would shew forth that we living in a new Town and have many bad Roads to make, and to mend in s^d Town, over and above all that we have a frequent Necessity to pass in from s^d Township toward the lower part of s^d State, and the difficulty in passing as the Road now is; is almost impracticable especially some part thereof (Viz) a part that now goes through a part of New London, which is the most direct road for us; to almost any part, of the lower part of s^d State, and the same road has hitherto been Maintained by the Settlers of s^d Protectworth—(and by many Reasons, too many to be Enumerated, which your Hon^rs may easily conceive of in a Moment—we cannot be at the charge of keeping it passable any longer)—therefore your Humble petitioners prays that the proprietors, or Inhabitants of New London may be Obliged to make Feasible and keep so, so much of s^d road to Protectworth (where it

is most advantageous to the setlers of s^d^ Protectworth and the publick in General) as goes through New London, and prays that something particular relative thereto may be done and your Humble petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Protectworth Octr 28th 1783

Samuel Day	Nicholas hardie
Israel Clifford	Thomas Gorden Jun
Nathaniel Clark	Thomas Colcord
Biley hardie	Matthew Gault
Israel Clifford Juner	Ebenezer Loverin
John Quimby	John Loveren
John Couch	timothy quimby
John Sawyer	Samuel roby
Reuben Stevens	Enock heath
wadleigh smith	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 4, 1782, voted that the proprietors of New London shall keep the road in repair.—Ed.]

[10–69] [*David Bean chosen for Justice of the Peace, 1786.*]

The town of Protectworth being Meet together at time and place according to Warning pas^d^ these following Votes Viz

1^st^ly Chose Reuben Stevens Morderator to govern s^d^ Meting—

2ly Made Choise of David Bean to be our Justice of Peace

Protectworth January ye 16th 1786

A Coppy of afour s^d^ Meting

Sam^ll^ Robie Town Clerk

[10–73] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1793.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of Protectworth in the County of Cheshire within the State aforesaid in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Township, Humbly Sheweth, that whereas said Township have not been Incorporated and thereby the Inhabitants of said Township are not entitled to all the privileges that many of our fellow Citizens of other Towns are which we trust this Honble Court will be ready to grant to the Inhabitants of said Township if asked for—They therefore Humbly present themselves as objects of the like favour, and pray that they woud take into their wise consideration and Incorporate said Township by the name of Springfield, and that the Annual

March Meeting be as now appointed by an Act of General Court, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Protectworth June ye 3^d 1793

Moses Richardson } Selectmen
John Quinby } of
Samuel Robie } Protectworth

This is to certify that the within Copy have been posted up agreeable to the within Order by us

Moses Richardson } Selectmen
John Quimby } of
Samuel Robie } Protectworth

Protectworth Decr ye 21st 1793

[The town was incorporated Jan. 23, 1794, and its name changed to Springfield.—Ed.]

STARK.

The township was granted Aug. 3, 1774, to Jacob Walden and others, by the name of Percy. This being the family name of the duke or earl of Northumberland, and a member of said family, Thomas Percy, being at that time chaplain to the king, probably accounts for the name, and also for the name of the town of Northumberland, the latter being named in 1771. The town was incorporated Jan. 9, 1795, and in the act of incorporation the spelling is changed to Piercy.

By act passed June 21, 1832, the tract of land embraced in ranges seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty, in the south-east part of Stratford, was annexed to this town, and on the 21st of December of the same year, the tract of land granted to Gen. John Winslow, of Marshfield, Mass., Oct. 21, 1773, containing 5,060 acres, was also annexed to this town.

By an act passed Dec. 28, 1832, the name of the town was changed from Percy to Stark, in honor of Gen. John Stark.

December 4, 1840, a tract of land owned by Elhanan Winchester was severed from this town and annexed to Lancaster.

July 1, 1868, a small tract of land was severed from Stark and annexed to Dummer.

[10–75] [*Petition for Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

The petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants of a New Township called Piercy in the County of Grafton State aforesaid Humbly Shews—

That we s^d^ subscribers labouring under many inconveniences on Account of our Not being vested with Town Authority by Incorporation, Not only in laying out Roads, and establishing them in the most convenient Routs, but many other inconveniences to the great detriment and preventing the settlement of s^d^ New Township—Therefore praying that the Hon^bl^ General Court, would Incorporate s^d^ New Township into a Town by the Name of Piercy as afores^d^ thereby Vesting them with Town privilegs as other Towns in the State by Law do enjoy—And as in duty Bound will ever pray—.

Piercy May 10th 1794—

Caleb Smith	Elisha Blake
Jonathan Cole	Anthony Clefford Jun
Barnard Cole	Nath^ll^ Dodge
Clafford Cole	peter Leavitt
edmund Cole	James Leavitt
Abner Clark	Peter Leavitt Jur
Aaron Jackson	Daniel Miles
Edward Rowell	James ——
John Ward	Daniel Rowell

[The petition was granted, and the town incorporated Jan. 9, 1795.—Ed.]

STEWARTSTOWN.

The township was granted Dec. 1, 1770, to Sir James Cockburne, Sir George Colebrooke, and John Stuart of London, and John Nelson of the island of Grenada; the two latter were merchants. The town was named Stuart town, the derivation of which is obvious. It was incorporated Dec. 22, 1795, by the name of Stuart, but doubts arising as

to the legality of some of the proceedings, it was again incorporated Dec. 24, 1799, and named Stewartstown. The town being on the frontier during the Revolutionary war and liable to raids by Canadian Indians, no permanent settlements were made until after peace was declared. A fort was built in town during the War of 1812–'15, and occupied for some time by American troops.

[10–76] [*Petition for Authority to assess a Tax on Non-Resident Lands, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, 1795.*]

The petition of the subscribers, inhabitants of a Township called Stuart in said County humbly sheweth, that your petitioners did some of them become inhabitants of said Township previous to the late War with Great Britain, and in addition to the burden of war which they felt severely, they have suffered much harpship in traveling through the desart to their respective settlements without roads, although under necessity of bringing their supplies of provision &c thirty miles or upwards—and notwitstanding the increasing settlements of said township and the most strenuous exertions of said inhabitants the road in and through said Stuart is incomplete and impassible for teams; and your petitioners conceiving it to be highly reasonable that the lands in said township whose value hath been increased by their emigration and settlement should bear at least part of the burden of making roads therein, which the proprietors of said township have hitherto wholly neglected to do: therefore your petitioners humbly prays this honorable court to grant a tax of two pence on each acre of land in said Stuart for the purpose of making and repairing roads and bridges therein to be laid out under the direction of some meet persons in said township with in one year from the last day of November next ensuing the grant of said tax—And further your petitioners considering many inconveniences to which they are subject on account of their unincorporated state, the want of authority to raise money and collect the same for the purpose of making roads, keeping schools, and conducting other matters for the benefit of said inhabitants pray that they may be incorporated, and vested with all the power and authority which other towns within said State do by law exercise and enjoy and your petitioners shall ever pray—

Stuart 11th May AD 1795—

Dan[l] Brainerd J[r]
Rich[d] Smart
Abner Powars
Abel Bennet Jr
John French
Luther French
Longley Willard
Barzillai Brainerd
John Walls
Danl Hulbert
Elisha Dyer
Theophs Durell
Clement Miner
Abner wood Junr
David Lock
Nathaniel Durell
Boswel Merrill

[Granted Dec. 9, 1795.]

[10–77] [*Relative to amending the Act of Incorporation, 1799.*]

Whereas a petition was prepared to the honorable General Court of the State of New Hampshire, at their Session in June, in the Year 1795, praying that a place called Stuart, in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, might be incorporated into a Town, and also that a tax of two pence on each acre of Land in said Stuart, might be granted for the purpose of making roads and bridges; Whereupon the said General Court at their session in December in the same year passed an Act to incorporate the said place called Stuart, by the metes and bounds mentioned in the Charter thereof, into a Town by the name of Stuart; and at their session in December in the Year 1796, passed an act granting a tax of three cents on each acre of land in said Stuart, public rights excepted, for the purpose of making roads and bridges, And as the said place was at the time of preferring said petition, understood and known to said petitioners by the name of Stuart, when in reality it was called Stuartstown in the Charter thereof, and some doubts have since arisen respecting the legality of said incorporation, as well as of the tax granted as aforesaid: Therefore, Your petitioners, inhabitants of said Stuartstown, humbly pray this honourable Legislative Body, to make such Amendments to the before mentioned Acts, as they shall think expedient, to answer the ends and purposes for which they were passed, or by any other way which they shall think proper incorporate the said Stuartstown, and vest it with such previledges as other Towns in said State enjoy, and enable them to collect and lay out a tax of three cents on each acre of land therein, for the purpose of making Roads and Bridges, public Rights excepted—And your petitioners shall ever pray &c—

Stuartstown Nov[r] 23[d] AD 1799

Dan[l] Brainerd Jun[r]	Danl Hulbert
Richard Smart	Eliphalet Miner
Stephen Kemp	Elisha Dyer
Jeremiah Eames Ju[r]	David Locke
Pellatiah Nichols	Hanry Sallanhim
John Walls	Elijah Benton

[December 24, 1799, an act passed the legislature incorporating the town by the name of Stewartstown.—Ed.]

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STODDARD.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors to Col. Sampson Stoddard, of Chelmsford, Mass., and others, and went by the names of Monadnock No. 7, and Limerick, until it was incorporated Nov. 4, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Stoddard. Settlements were made in 1769 by John Taggart and others, who for a time obtained bread-meal in Peterborough and carried it to their homes on their backs. By an act passed Sept. 27, 1787, the south-west corner of the town was combined with portions of Gilsum, Keene, and Nelson, and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.

The lines of Gilsum and Marlow, as chartered, extending some distance east of the curve line of Mason's patent, as surveyed by Joseph Blanchard, and the west line of Stoddard, being said curve line, caused a serious dispute as to which should have jurisdiction over the territory in question. This was settled in favor of Stoddard June 16, 1797.

June 25, 1835, the farm of Ebenezer Tarbox was severed from Stoddard and annexed to Nelson.

Stoddard men in First N. H. Regiment:

Samuel Morrison enlisted January 1, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

Richard Richardson enlisted April 3, 1777; discharged April 5, 1780.

Nathaniel Richardson enlisted April 3, 1777; died June 24, 1777.

The manufacture of glass-ware was carried on to some extent at South Stoddard for many years.

[10–86] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1776.*]

By Virtue of an order from the Select men of Stoddard to me I Warn all the Freeholders and oather inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard To meet att the Dwelling house of Ens^{n} John Tenneys in Stoddard on Wednesday the twentieth Day of June next at Eleven oClock forenoon then and there to act on the following articles if they see fit

1th To Chuse a moderator to govern Said meeting—

2^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a Select man in the room of Isaac Kenney who was Chose that office and refuses to Sarve the Town—

3^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse two Constables in the room of Ephraim Adams and Benoni Boynton, who was Chose and refuse to Sarve ye Town

4^{ly} To See if the Town will a gree to hire any preaching this present Summer—and Chuse a Committee for the Same—

5^{ly} To raise Such Sum or Sums of money as Shall be thot proper—

6^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a Commitee to open Such of the propriators roads that was Laid out in this Town before it was incorporated as shall be thot neessary—

7^{ly} To See What the Town will Do in respect to Isaac Kenneys Taken asalls oath

8^{ly} To have the Town agree where the preaching Shall be if they hire any

9^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a Commitee to reckon with oliver Parker and to receive his accompts and give him recipts—and to Demand of him the Said parker the Town Book of records With the inCorporation and all the records that are past

Stoddard may ye 22^{d} 1776

Isaac Temple Town Clr

[10–78] [*Remonstrance against the election of Joseph Rounseval, 1776.*]

Colony of Newhamp^{r}

to the Honble Counciele and house of Representatives for s^{d} Colony—

the Petition and prayer of the subscribers Inhabitants of Stoddard in S^{d} Colony humbly Sheweth that m^{r} Joseph Rounsivile may not have a Seat in Court for Reasons here mentioned firstly because he is not worth the money Seccondly because he is not

leagly Chousen the Town not Being warned to Chuse a Represintitive But to Chuse a Comt^{ee} to Chuse one and accordingly he was Chosen by Comt^{ees}

Stoddard August 2^{d} 1776

Jonathan Bennett	joel Gilson
Oliver Parker	William Dutton
John Dutton	Isaac Kenney
Asa Adams	Moses Kenney
Thomas Adams	

[10–79] [*Disorder at a Town-Meeting, 1776.*]

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of Stoddard in the Colony afores^{d} humbly Sheweth That on the Last Thursday of the month of march Last past at Stoddard afores^{d} was held ye annual meeting, so called, for the Town afores^{d} when after Chusing by hand Vote The Town officers for the Ensuing Year (among which Officers were Two Constables Chosen) The Town Clerk and Selectmen then chosen utterly refused to permit the s^{d} Constables to take the Oath of office, declaring that ye former Selectmen should make ye assesment, and the former Constables collect the same, for the Ensuing year, after the Transacting of which it was requested of the moderator to Adjourn ye s^{d} meeting, upon which he called a Vote to see if it was the mind of ye Inhabitants so to do who almost unanimously voted that s^{d} meeting be not adjourned, but the moderator notwithstanding did declare the same adjourned untill ye Second day of may then next, at which Time a Number of your petitioners protested against ye proceedings of s^{d} meeting for the Reasons afores^{d} your Petitioners further shew that on the Twelfth day of June Instant a small Number of the Inhabitants of ye s^{d} Town did meet Together at a place never before that Time used for that purpose in a Tumultuous manner to the Number of about Eight persons to vote upon Sundry Articles and things in the notification herewith Exhibited, mentioned, by means of all which proceedings the utmost disorder and Confussion is introduced into ye s^{d} Town, and the most unhappy Consequences are reasonably Expected to take place, wherefore your Petitioners (being a major Part of the Inhabitants freeholders and others Legally Qualified to Vote in Town meetings) humbly pray your Honors to take this our Petition into your wise Consideration and to a point some Legal method for calling a meeting of ye Inhabitants of s^{d} Town as soon as may be in order to transact ye necessary buisness of ye Town and restore peace and Harmony amongst the Inhabitants or otherways to

Grant us releif as to your Honors shall seem fit, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever pray

Stoddard June 18, 1776.

John Dutton	William Dutton	Ephraim Adams
Jonathan Bennett	Joseph Dodge	John N mther
Oliver Parker	Benoni Boynton	Timothy Mather
Reuben Walton	Isaac Kenney	Richard Emerson
Asa Adams	Daniel Kenney	Zach^{r} Adams
John Joyner	Moses Kenney	Thomas Adams
Joel Gilson	Samuel Parks	
Moses Bennett	Ebenezer Wright	

[In H. of Rep., September 19, 1776, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[10-80] [*Summons to Oliver Parker, 1776.*]

Stoddard may ye 22^{d} 1776—

To oliver Parker—you are hereby required to appear att the Dwelling house of m^{r} John Tennys in Stoddrad afore S^{d} on Wednesday the fifth Day of June next at Ten oClock fore noon then and their to make answer to a Complant Brought to us against you wherein you appear inimical to america in a number of alegations fail not of apperence at your peril—as your neglect will be faithfully reported to the Commitee of Safty for the Colony of Newhampshire given under our hands at Stoddrd afore Said—

Alexander Scott }
Nathaniel Emerson } Commitee of Safty for Stoddard
Amos Butterfield }

[10-83] [*Proceedings of the Town Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

att a meeting of the Commitees of Safty for the Towns of Stoddard Camden and marlow met at the house of m^{r} John Tenneys on the fifth Day of June 1776 to hear and Examine into a Complaint Brought to us against one oliver Parker of Stoddard—setting forth the S^{d} parker to be inimical to america and its Liberties Proceed and Chose m^{r} Sam^{ll} Gustin Chairman—

The inclosed Complaint is the same that was Brought to us, and has ben fully suported and prov^{d}—

upon which we Came to the following resolution viz—

1st it is the opinion of the Committees that ye sd parker is notoriously Disaffected to the american Cause—

2ly it is the opinion of the Commitees that the Sd parker is so notoriously Disaffectd that he the Sd parker be Emedeately Disarmd from all instruments of war—

3ly that the Sd parker be Confind to the Lot of Land his house stands on on the penalty of being Sent to the Common goal of the County of Cheshire—or find good Bonds to the Sattisfaction of the Commitee of Safty in the Town of Stoddard

4ly all persons are forbid to have any Deleaings with ye Sd parker on ye penalty of being Considerd enimies to america—

And furthermore while we ware setting a Complaint was brought to us by mr Nathaniel Emerson of Stoddard against the sd Parker setting forth that the sd Parker filloniously brock down his ye sd Emersons fence and has continud to do it for some days and turns his Cattle into his improvements—and a Citation was sent to the sd Parker to appear and defend ye same, but he payd no regard at all to the Summons but difies all authority to bring him to Justice (meaning ye Committee of Safety)—John Nois mather—Joel Gilson—Zachr adams—Eli adams—and william Dutton all of Stoddard was Summond to appear as Evidences in the above Cause but refused to appear and seamd to appear as abetters of the sd Parker by their denieing the authority of the Committee—Treating ye Committee with scurulous Language

By Order of the Several Committees

Attest Samll Gustin Chairman

Stoddard june ye 5th 1776

Stoddard June ye 5th 1776

Att a meeting of the Committees of Safety of Stoddard and marlow and Camden, met to try a cause dependg between oliver Parker a reputed Tore, and the Liberty of America—ye said Parker being sited to appear on this Day, but defyes ye authority of the Committee of Safety—and dos not appear—

[A part of the evidence brought against said Parker was the following, which he acknowledged to have written to Mr. Boynton:

"A Receipt to make a Whig—Take of conspiracy and the root of pride three handfulls two of ambition and vain glory, pound them in the mortar of faction and discord, boil it in 2 quarts of dissembling tears and a little New England Rum over the fire of Sedition till you find the scum of folly wood to rise on the top, then strain it through the cloths of Rebillion, put it into the bottle of envy, stop it with the

cork of malice, then make it into pills called Conspiracy of which take nine when going to bed say over your hypocritical prayer, and curse your honest neighbor in your bed chamber and then go to sleep if you can, it will have so good an effect that all the next day you will be thinking how to cozzen cheat lie and get drunk abuse the ministers of the Gospel, cut the throats of all honest men and plunder the Nation."

Parker was committed to jail in Exeter, Nov. 2, 1778, and was under bonds not to go out of Cheshire county in 1782. —Ed.]

[10-81] [*Petition of Oliver Parker: addressed to the Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

Humbly sheweth Oliver Parker of Stoddard in the County of Cheshire in s^d^ Colony that he was upon ye 5th day of June Current by Order of Certain Committees directed to be disarmed, and not to go from his Lot of Land on which he Lives, upon ye penalty of being Committed to ye County Goal, and by s^d^ Committees deemed an Enemy to his Country, your petitoner avers and declares that s^d^ Committees had not ye least proof of his being inimical to his Country, but that they proceeded to act as they did with regard to him merely upon malice, and that he openly Challenges any person or persons whomsoever to prove the least thing against him with respect to his being in any way or manner disaffected to the Cause of Liberty, wherefore he prays your Honers to point out some reasonable and just method for him to make his Innocence in ye premises manefest, and to be Liberated from ye unjust decree of s^d^ Committees—

June 18 1776 Oliver Parker

[10-84] [*Sundry Inhabitants relative to foregoing: addressed to the Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

The Petition and Remonstrance of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Stoddard in s^d^ Colony sheweth, that We have for a Number of years been acquainted with Capt Oliver Parker of Stoddard afores^d^ and have Especially since ye Unhappy War commenced bewixt Great Britain and the Colonys been personally Knowing to his Good disposition In the Cause of Liberty and that he has done his part as an Individual towards ye support of ye War and on Every Occasion as a military officer

obeyed orders and done what was required of him, notwithstanding which he was Lately summoned to appear before Certain Committees to answer a Complaint again him as an Enemy to America, and without letting him Know what ye Complaint was or to what he was to answer to they proceeded to confine him to that Lot of Land his house stands upon, and to order that no persons deal with him on pain of being deemed Enemies to their Country, now as your petitioners are certain that there was no Grounds to found this resolution upon, but that mere malice and falshood directed ye whole proceedings, they pray that your Honors would reverse ye afores^d unjust decree or by some means let ye matter be fairly and impartially determined.

Stoddard June 18 1776

John Dutton	William Dutton	Samuel Parks
Jonathan Bennett	John Joyner	Ebenezer Wright
Reuben Walton	Asa Adams	John N Mather
Moses Kenney	Moses Bennett	Timothy mather
Benoni Boynton	Joseph Dodge	Richard Emerson
Thomas Adams	Isaac Kenney	Zachariah Adams
Joel Gilson	Daniel Kenney	Isaac Barit

[10–85] [*Relative to a disputed Line: addressed to the General Assembly, 1776.*]

The Humble prayer and petition of the Select men of Marlow and Stoddard, met to agree on some method to proceed in relating to a Contested Strip of Land claimed by both Towns—Came to the following agreement: viz: We humbly pray the General Assembly would give us their advice in this Difficult matter and during the Dispute between Britain and the Colonies that is Wheather Stoddard shall Tax to their Western Bound called the patent or Curve Line—or Wheather marlow shall Tax to their Eastern Bound—or so far East as to in Clude all that first settled under their Charter for as we Expect to pay Taxes with the rest of our Breathern so Each Town claiming a right to Tax a few famileys will soon create Confutions and Divitions which we would by all means indevour to avoide, praying att the same time that the words (every person) might be Left out in their answer if they are pleased to give one—as was incerted in their former answer for as We apprehend will give no Satisfaction—for this reason—one man will say he is under Stoddard when he is under marlow—and another will say he is under marlow when he is under Stoddard—so we pray that the advice may Set some Bound for to gide us in this matter—that thereby we may Shun the Difficulty that has sub-

sisted between the said Towns for some years past—and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Dated att Stoddard may ye 24th 1776—

Stephen Gee
Nicodemus Miller } Select men of marlow
Abisha Tubs

Alexander Scott
Nathaniel Emerson } Select men of Stoddard

[10–87] [*Petition of Inhabitants living on the disputed Land, 1776.*]

To the Honourable Counsel and House of Representives for the State of New Hampshire—

We your Humble purticioners Beg Leave to Inform your Honours that we are in Great Dificulty by Reason of being taxed to two Towns Viz Stoddard and Marlow Altho we be Long to Stoddard and Live East of the Patten Line yet the Town of Marlow has taxed us a Considerable Number of years we Humbly beg your Honours to take the matter into Consideration and order where we shall pay our taxes for we are not able to pay to two Towns as we your Humble Purtitioners In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

John N mather
Ebenezer Farley
Stephen Twitchel
Ephraim Brockway
Dan Brockway
Timothy Mather
Isaac Barritt

[10–92] [*Relative to the disputed Line: addressed to the General Assembly, March, 1777.*]

Humbly Shew—

The Subscribers Freeholders & Inhabitants of Stoddard in the County of Cheshire in said State—

That your petitioners with Others entered into & upon a Certain Tract or parcel of land bounded Westerly on the Patent Line, so called, Easterly on the Society land, so called, and northerly on Monadnock Number Eight and southerly on Monadnock Number Six of the Contents of about Six Miles Square called Monadnock Number Seven—

That in November 1774, the said Inhabitants prefer'd a petition to the then Governor and Council of said province, setting forth among other things, their Situation, and praying that the

said lands might be Erected into a Township, and the Inhabitants thereof Incorporated into a Body Politick, to have Continuance and succession forever—which petition was Granted, and Letters Patent in due Form accordingly passed—

That in the Year last passed the Selectmen of the Towns of Marlow and Stoddard *Unknown to your Petitioners* Applied to the General Assembly for Advice and Directions Touching the Taxation of a Number of your petitioners who they said were settled under the Late Kings Grant of Marlow—That the order made in Consequence thereof Very Sensibly Affects them and is likely to create Great uneasiness which is the *Bane* of New Settlements—

That as your petitioners are settled within the undoubted Limits of Stoddard aforesaid they are *unwilling* to be taxed Else where and the Application aforesaid to the Late General Assembly was premature;—That the Right to the Soil your petitioners are Willing to Contest with any person at Common Law—

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that Your Honours would not hold them to pay taxes to the Town of Marlow where they do not belong—(and as they are within a Town Corporate are under the Regulations of Law). That your Honours would not Interfere in their Title nor do anything that may seem to Affect the same; your petitioners pray—

Oliver Parker	John Joyner	Salvenus Beckwith
John Dutton	Samuel Parks	Benjamin ——
Jonathan Bennett	William Dutton	Joseph Dodge Jr
Joel Gilson	Isaac Kenney	Joseph Dodge
Daniel Kenney	Richard Emerson	Elijah Morse
Moses Bennett	Asa Adams	Joseph O Taylor
Zachriah Adams	Benoni Boynton	Isaac Barit
Th^{os} Adams	Amos Taylor	Eph^{m} Adams
Reuben walton	John N mather	
Moses Kenney	Timothy mather	

[10–91] [*Action of the Legislature.*]

In the House of Representatives March 21st 1777—

The Committee of both Houses on the petitions of Marlow and Stoddard made report that it is their Opinion that the Inhabitants living on the Lands in dispute between the Towns of Marlow and Stoddard do abide by the Resolve made by the General Court of this State on the 12 Day of June 1776, respecting Taxation until the matter in dispute be settled by Law or Agreement as therein mentioned—but that the said Inhabitants do Military Duty in the Town of Stoddard as has been

usual, signed Nich° Gilman Chairman which Report being read and Considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted and that the said Inhabitants govern themselves according.

Sent up for concurrence

John Dudley Speak^r p temp^r

In Council the Same Day read and concurred

E Thompson Secy

[The result was in favor of Stoddard, their claim to all territory as far west as the curve line of Mason's patent being allowed, thus taking portions of the towns of Marlow and Gilsum.—ED.]

[10–88] [*Relative to an alleged illegal Town-Meeting.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard Being Desirous of peace and unity—att all Times. But more Especially in these Days of Trouble and rebuke—When not only those who formerly Stiled them Selves our Parents. But our own Domestics are Levying war against us—and using all means to Bring us into and keep us in Divitions—which we would use all Lawfull means to put a Stop to, and to Cultivate good order and harmony among us and as authority is allways the only means whereby any part of the Community. when Greav^d Can Lawfully have Redress—

We therefore Humbly pray the Honble General assembley for the Colony of New Hampshire, Would be Graciously pleased to Condecend to give us ye inhabitants of poor pensive Stoddard their advice—in Regard to our annual march meeting—held in this Town the 28th Day of march Last past—the people being Legally Warned and met—the Votes Ware Called for—for a moderator—a motion Was made—Wheather it would not be Best and Quicker to Chuse him by nominating and Lifting up ye hand—the Question was accordingly put by one of the former Select men—past in the affermitive—and no objection made—after ye moderator was Chose—a nother motion was made to have all ye oather Town officers Chose by nominating and Lifting up the hand—ye moderator accordingly put ye Question and it past in the affermitive—and no objection made in ye Least—and if there is any Law how to Chuse Town officers We Look upon this way to be ye Law—and if there is no Law we think the Town has a right (and it is necessary) to Say how they will proceed for that year or for that meeting—but we went on and Chose all our Town officers in peace Without any objection and after ye Choice of all ye officers was made—there Came on a Despute about a publick meeting house

Spot—now there has been a Divition about ye meeting house ever Senee ye Town was Settled and when ever there was any thing to be acted upon Concerning a meeting house—a Quaril insued—and So it was now. nothing Done but Disputing and hard words—a motion was made to have that article Dismised or ye meeting adjorned—but Could not be obtained—ye moderator Calling on them to proceed and Do business or he would adjorn ye meeting—Which after a While more Spent in Talk and Nothing Done. ye moderator Declair^d ye meeting Stand adjorn^d to the Second Day of may next—and no Sort of objection made all rested in peace till S^d 2^d Day of may—ye Select men being Sworn—and had Taken ye List or Valuation of the Town and now there is a party risen up against the meeting Saing it is invailed and on this reason that ye officers ware voted in by nominating.and Denies. all ye authority of Town officers oliver parker a Common Tore being ye ring Leeder—and We Supose about fourteen or fifteen have Sent to ye General Cort to have ye Said meeting Disanul^d and Void—But we pray ye Sd meeting may Stand good for many reasons—as ye Town has proceed in their public Business in many instances—and it Would put ye Town into ye utmost Confution to have ye meeting put by and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray for your advice we are your Humble Constituants—

Alexander Scott	Abram morrison	John Farley
Silas Wright	David Scott	Amos Taylor
John Robbe	Nathaniel Emerson	David Willson
Caleb Wright	James Scott	Allan Speir
David Robbe	Richard Richardson	John Taggard
John McDonald	Robart Prockter	Ephraim Brockway
Isaac Temple	Thoms Adams	Robert Blood
John Jackson	Abel adams	Silvanus Bikwith
Amos Butterfild	James Willson	John Tenny

[R. 4-17] [*John Robbe, wounded Soldier, 1778.*]

Peterborough Jany 1, 1778.

May it please your Honors

Permit me to address you in behalf of Sarg^t John Robbe of Stoddard, in the County of Cheshire, and State Aforesaid, the said Robbe being in the Engagement at Benningtown, under my Command, was there much Wounded & Disabled from Getting his Future Support beg Leave to Recommend the said

Robbe to the Favour of the said state as your Honors in your Wisdom shall think fitt—am with due Respect

your Honors most Hum^l Ser^t

John Stark, B D G

To the Hon'ble Council & Assembly for the State of New Hampshire—

[John Robbe appealed to the inhabitants of Stoddard Jan. 28, 1778, to ask the legislature for assistance, which they voted to do at a meeting Feb. 2, 1778. They also by vote recommended Mr. Robbe very highly. In H. of Rep., May 23, 1778, voted that said Robbe was entitled to half pay and £30 for extra expenses.—Ed.]

[R. 4-23]

State of New Hampshire May 23^d 1778

To Gilman Esqr R. G. Pursuant to a Vote of Council & Assembly pay Joth^n Blanchard for John Robb Six pounds towards s^d Robb^s Expences in being cured of a wound r^d at Bennington—

M Weare Prest

[R. 4-24] [*Richard Richardson, Soldier, 1782.*]

[In a petition dated Stoddard, Nov. 5, 1782, Richard Richardson stated that he "was out in the service of his country in the first three years' service in the present war." He further stated that he was paid in state notes, and held one for £43.18, and one for $73, which he wanted paid.—Ed.]

[R. 4-26] [*Soldier's Order, 1784.*]

Stoddard May 25th y^e 1784

To the State Treasury of New Hampshire pleas to Pay Mr Jacob Copling the ballance Due to me for the year 1781 and his Receipt on the back of this order Shall be your discharge from me you will find my name in Capt Caleb Robinsons muster roles

Josiah Hardy

[10–93] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Stoddard December ye 3^d 1783 then apeerd Isreal towns Ephraim Adams and James Scott Selectmen of Sd Stoddard and made Solem oath that att present there is in ye town of S^d Stoddard one hundred and four Ratebel

Before me J Rounsevel Just pece.

[10–94] [*Relative to the formation of Sullivan, 1786.*]

Stoddard Decr 4th 1786

at a legal meeting this day

Voted not to oppose the southwest corner of this Town being set off to Keen, Packerfield, Gillsom &c

Attest: Eleaz^r Blake T: Clerk—

[10–95]

Stoddard Novm^r 10th 1786

This may ceertify, to whom it may Concern—that we the Subscribers—have receiv'd of Mr Ezra Osgood a Petition Sent to the General Court by a number of the Inhabitants of the Souwest Part of Stoddard

Ward Eddy } Select men
Peter Wright } of Stoddard

[The south-west part of the town was set off Sept. 27, 1787, combined with portions of Keene, Gilsum, and Nelson, and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.—Ed.]

[10–97] [*Petition for Authority to levy a Special Tax to build a Meeting House and repair Roads, 1787.*]

The Memorial of your Petitioners Humbly Sheweth that: being Chosen a Committee by The Town of Stoddard, to Petition the General Court that a Tax of one penny p^r Acre Annually be laid on all the Lands in said Stoddard for three Years: to be Appropriated Towards Building a Meeting House and repairing the Publick Roads Leading from Hancock to Marlow: likewise from John Taggards to Washington line: Also from Israel Townses Esqr. to Packerfield line, the leading Road to

Keen—The first third part of Said tax to be Asses'd in the Year 1788—

Your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray—

May 21th Anno Domini : 1787

Israel Towne
Ephraim Adams } Committee
Jacob Copland

[This petition was granted Sept. 27, 1787.—Ed.]

[10–99] [*Committee to locate a Meeting-House, 1787.*]

Your humble pertisioners Beg leave to inform Your honours that the Town has Laboured under Dificalty for a Number of preceeding Years In reguard to agreeing upon a Meeting house Spot. at a Leagal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Stoddard Quallified to Vote in Town meeting Leagally warned and met for the following purpose (Viz)

Voted to Chose a Committee finally to Determine where the Meeting house Shall be arected in this Town and for the Same purpose Nominated Esqr Penniman of washington and Saml Griffen Esqr of Packerfied. Likewise mr John Muzzey of Dublin we Your humble pertisioners pray That the above said Committee may be appointed & Impowered according To the afour Said Vote and we Your humble pertisioners as In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Peter Wright } Selectmen in
Israel Towne } behalf of the Town

Stoddard September 8th 1787

[10–98] [*Their Report.*]

We Your Committee Within Named haveing Repaired to the Town of Stoddard, and Viewed the Situation of Said Town, & the Inhabitants thereof beg leave to report that it is our opinion that the Meetinghouse there to be erected, be placed on the fifteenth Lot in the Ninth Range upon a Tract of land Given to ye Town of Stodard by John Tenney for a Meetinghouse Spot burying Yard &c aud We have Erected a Stake and Stones upon sd Common for ye Bounds of Said Meetinghouse

pr Thos Penniman for ye Committe

octor ye 31d 1787

[10–101] [*Petition for Authority to levy a Tax on Non-Resident Lands, to build a Road, 1794.*]

A Petition in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Stodard in Said State Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners are Situate on the Hight of land Betwixt the great Rivers Connecticut and Miremac where the land is very Mountanious and Rocky: which Causes our Roads to be Extremely Deficualt to make & Repair the Same: And whereas the Committee appointed to lay a Road from Hales Bridge in Walpole to Macgregores Bridge in Gofestown: Hath laid out anew Road through the Said Town of Stodard which will be of Great Utility to the Public if opned and made Passable: But will lay an unsuportable Burthen on the Inhabitants in Said Town: as it passes through a large tract of unimproved land owned by Nonresidents and Remmote from the Settlement: which will Raise the Value of the land through which it Passes: and it appearing Reasonable that the owners of Said land Should assist in Oppening and Making passable the Same: and the like privildges Being granted to other Towns in Semmeril Situation: We your Petitioners Humbly pray your Honnours to take our Case under your wise Consideration and grant that an Act may pass impowering the Said Town of Stodard to lay a tax of two pence p^r acre on all the land in Said town for the Sole Purpose of Making Passable the Roads and Bridges in Said Stoddard: And your petitioner as in Duty Bound will Pray Natha^ll Emerson

Janury 1 1794

[Granted June 11, 1794.—Ed.]

[10–102] [*Relative to the Disputed Line between this Town and Marlow, 1798.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers Humbly shews that the General Court at their session in June A D 1797 set off the south East Part of Marlow under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Stoddard, And we Your Petitioners living on s^d Land being fully pursuaded that thair Honours would not have subjected us to so unreasonable a burthen had thay known our situation & the true circumstances we are under the one part setling under Marlow have been at Great Expence to defend our persons & Properties from the unjust demands made & Extorted from us by the Town of Stoddard and the other part being made to believe by the Unrighteous pursuasions of Stod-

dard Proprietors that the Lands were theirs and thereupon we purchased of them at A Very dear rate, which took at that time of many of us all our properties And after living many Years in this Rough wilderness have been at the expence of every thing but life, And now we find that marlow holds their Right of soil it being decided by Law And those of us that Purchased of Stoddard have to Purchase our Lands over Again at A great price & have been subjected to A Large bill of cost in Disputing the title & the Town of stoddard Refusing to pay any Part of s^d expence and we being fully sensible that stoddard cannot have any Accurate survey or knowledge of those lands Layed out under Marlow And that Stoddard & Marlow both Claim the Jurisdiction to part of s^d Land on Account of their being two Curve Lines which will keep the Inhabitants in Vexetion & confusion. And being fully sensible that it will be for the Good & peace of us the Inhabitants to contiuue as we Really were within the Jurisdiction of Marlow And being fully sencible that stoddard left off two Ranges of their lots on their East line to Extend to the west on Marlow as the Proprietors of stoddard by that Conduct thought to git about nine or ten of Marlow setlers to count for Stoddard in order to fulfill their Charter which we flatter ourselves will not be Justified, And Stoddard will be a much larger Town without any part of Marlow than Marlow will be they holding the whole within their Charter, And therefore on every principal of right, And for ourselves And offspring to injoy any degree of comfort we think it our duty to humbly pray your Honours to Repeal the foregoing Act And let us remain in and under the Jurisdiction of Marlow As your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray

November 7th 1798

Aaron Matson	Timothy Bailey	Ephraim Brockway Jur
Ebenezer Blake	Ziba Henry	
Saml Messinger	Bani Henry	Joseph Brockway
John Henery J^r	Nathen ——	Isaac Barritt
Nathaniel Gilson	Ephraim Brockway	Jesse Farley

[10–103] [*Another Document relative to the Disputed Line, 1796.*]

The Petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard states that in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty-Three the Town of Stoddard was Granted to Sampson Stoddard and others by the Masonian Proprietors and was bounded westward upon the head line of Masonian patent; that in the year Anno Domini 1773 they received their Charter of incorporation

from his excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr which gave the Town of Stoddard jurisdiction over a certain tract of land seven miles square lying east of said Patent or head line—that in the year Anno Domini 1762 the Town of Marlo was granted and incorporated which Grant intersected the Town of Stoddards Grant nearly Two miles whereby each Town had concurrent jurisdiction over the same territory—and thereupon application was made to the provincial assembly of New Hampshire to settle the Jurisdictional line between said Towns—And said assembly in the year A D 1776 resolved that said inhabitants should pay their taxes to the Town of Marlo but should do military duty in the Town of Stoddard—That in the year A D 1777 application being made to the General assembly a second time to settle the aforesaid dispute they recommended by a special resolve mentioning the Town of Washington and all other Towns in similar circumstances (of which Stoddard was one) that the inhabitants living on said strip or disputed Grant should pay their taxes to the Towns lying east of the head line of Masons patent untill the same should be further settled and established by law—That in the year A D 1784 The Town of Marlo petitioned the General assembly for an abatement of their taxes in consequence of the resolve of the General assembly which passed in the year 1777—upon which petition the General assembly then resolved that the Town of Marlo be abated one fourth part of all their taxes from the year A D 1777 to the year 1784—and the Town of Marlo have ever since that period relinquished all jurisdiction to the same land and have ever since omitted and refused to make return of the same in their valuation—That the same has been uniformly since the year A D 1777 returned by the Town of Stoddard and set to their valuation—That large sums of money have been assessed since that period upon the inhabitants living thereon, and many lots of land there lying have been sold by the Collectors of Stoddard at publick vendue for the non-payment of taxes assessed thereon—In the year A D 1792 the Original Proprietors of Marlo finding that the Masonian Proprietors had extended their bounds upwards of twenty miles farther westward than their original grant warranted—and intending to avail themselves if possible of the invalidity of the act which passed the General assembly in the year 1777—giving jurisdiction to Stoddard—Commenced Two actions of ejectment to recover possession of those lands which were sold at vendue by the collectors of Stoddard—and upon which lands the Proprietors of Marlo had paid no taxes for upwards of twenty-five years—In which actions the Original Proprietors of Marlo recovered possession against the vendue purchasers under Stoddard in consequence of a defect in the act which passed in the

year 1777 giving jurisdiction to the Town of Stoddard—We therefore pray this Honorable Court to take into their wise consideration the circumstances and situation of the Town of Stoddard and if legal and constitutional to establish and confirm the doings of the Selectmen of Stoddard and ratify the assessments which have hitherto been made—And also to settle the Jurisdictional line between said Two Towns and give the Jurisdiction of the strip so-called to the Town of Stoddard if consistent with the Interest and happiness of both Towns—And also to settle the Jurisdictional line between Gilsom and Stoddard

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Stoddard Decr 6th A D 1796

Jacob Copeland Agent for Stoddard

[The line was established in favor of Stoddard June 16, 1797.—Ed.]

STRATFORD.

The township was granted May 26, 1773, to Joshua Wentworth and others, in seventy-one shares, and contained about 48,000 acres. It was incorporated November 16, 1779, by the same name and bounds as expressed in the charter. Settlements were made soon after the town was granted, by Isaac Johnson, Archippus Blodgett, and others. The population of the town in September, 1775, numbered 41, and in 1790 but 146. By an act approved June 21, 1832, the territory embraced in ranges 17, 18, 19, and 20, in the south-east part of the town, were set off and annexed to Percy (Stark).

[10-104] [*Statement of the Condition of Matters, Taxes, etc.: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford—humbly shews

That your petitioners, now & ever willing to do our just part toward the Common defence of our Country as far as we are able beg leave to show our inability to pay the State tax we are now called upon for & pray that we may be heard and Considered under our present circumstances of distress—& which we

have laboured under ever Since we came into this Wilderness —We began to Settle in the Year 1773 & there are now but Seven families in the town—We have lived destitute of any Assistance from the rest of the Propriety who were to make equal and imediate Settlement with us & to build Mills which they have Neglected to do—by which we have Suffered greatly—Our Grain has cost one half its value to get it ground into Meal ever Since we have been here—the Cost of getting Salt & other Necessaries owing to the distance & badness of the Roads have been equally distressing—our proprietary Meeting was Adjourned to Connecticut & held there So that we have not the priviledge of Acting as a propriety and we are not incorporated as other towns are—we are destitute of every previledge—our money is spent, our Families are naked—provisions are very Scarce by reason of the Inhabitants moving off for fear of the Enemy leaving all our Crops & we were obliged to part with our Oxen & Cows to get back again—We are a frontier town—exposed to the enemy & without the Means of defence—We therefore pray that we may be considered in our Taxes & that we may be admitted to the preveledges of Incorporation—And your petitioners will ever pray—&c—

Archippus Blodget
Joshua Lambkin
James Curtis
James Brown
John Smith
Joseph Barlow
John Holbrook

[10–105] [*Petition for an Abatement and for Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1778.*]

We your humbel proticeners do pleade for an abatement of taxes Praying that the Court would consider us under our present distressed Curcumstances and wich we have laboured under Ever sence we came into this howling wilderness we Shall now proceed to Show forth what we have Indured Ever Sence we began to Settel this town which in the yeare AD 1773 and now thare is but Seven familys in the town only and we have lived destitute of aney asistance from the rest of the Propity which ware to make emediate Settelment and bould miles which is all neglected by which means we have Suffered very much on wheat has Cost us the one half of it to get it ground ever Sence we have lived heare oure proprity meting was ajurned to Connecticut and held thare so that we have not had the privelige of acting as a proprity in the town when the town was last Chartered out the Publect rites ware taking away so that we live destitute of aney privelige booth Sivel or Sacred oure money is Spent oure famelys are naked and provision is

very scars by reson of the pepol moving of for feire the Enemy we lost all our Crops and was Obliged to part with our oxan and cows to get bak agane and we are exposed to the Enemy with out aney protection and are in a poore sitawation to defend oure Selves we are the fruntear as the Pepol is all with drew from above us we desire that the Court would incorporate us and give us Proper athority

Stratford May ye 15/1778

Archippus Blogget
Joshua Lamkin
James Curtiss
James Brown

John Smith
Joseph Barlow
John Holbrooks

Mens Names	N° Poles	N° oxen	N° cows	N° 3 year old	N° 2 year old	N° 1 year old	N° horses	N° Tiligeland	N° mowing land
John Holbrooks	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Archippus Blogget	3	2	3	0	1	2	1	7	4
James Brown	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	2
James Curtiss	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	2
Joshua Lamkin	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	5	5
Joseph Barlow	2	2	2	3	1	0	2	8	2
John Smith	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	0
Sum Totel	10	8	11	3	4	2	7	40	13

The above Inventory Taken April ye 28/1777 by us the Subscribers

Being apinted a Comitte for that Porpose

Archippus Blogget
James Brown
John Holbrook

[The town was incorporated November 16, 1779.—Ed.]

[10–106] [*Relative to an Attack by French and Indians: addressed to the Council and H. of Rep., 1779.*]

The Memorial of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Towns, of Lanchaster Northumberland & Stratford humbly Sheweth. that on Thursday the 24th Ins^t June A party of Indians aboute fifteen

in Number Commanded by A French man, came into Stratford took two Prisners Plunderd two Families of every thing Valuable which they had, we humbly pray that your Honor[s] would take the matter into your Sereous Consideration[s] and provide such Assistance for our future Security, from those Barbarous Savages, as your Wisdom shall Direct and your Memorialists as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray.—

Lanchaster 27th June 1779

Joseph Peverly	Ward Bailey
Thomas Peverly	Caleb marshall
Daniel Spaldin	Emmens Stockwell
Nathan Caswell	moses Page
Dill Sawyer	Jonas Wilder
Enoch Hall	Edw[ds] Bucknam

[10–107] [*Petition for a Guard, 1780.*]

The Pettition of us the Subscribers humbly Sheweth That our Exposed Situation to the Enemy in Canada and having the Last Summer Suffered from that Quarter by having our houses Plundered and Sum of our men Captivated by the Indeans and hearing of their threatning to Come to this River this winter Give us apprehension of imeadeate Danger therefore we Pray your Hon[rs] to take our Case into your wise Consideration and Relieve our Present fears by Sending of us help Either by Sending a Draught of the millitia or that your Hon[s] would wright to Some General oficer for a Detachment of Continantal Soldeirs we Supose about 100 men might be a Suficent Number at Present and your Pettitioners Shall Ever Pray

Stratford Jan[r] 21st 1780

James Brown	Joseph Barlow
Archippus Blogget	John Gamsby
John Smith	Nathan Barlow
Joshua Lamkin	David Hix

[10–108] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State Newhamp[r]

a True and Exact Number of Poles in Stratford twenty one Years and upward Paying a Pole Tax are thirteen taken this 2[d] Dec[r] 1783

Joshua Lamkin
John Holbrook

[Sworn to before Jeremiah Eames, justice of the peace.]

[R. 4-27] [*Soldier's Order.*]

To the Treasurer of the State of Newhampshire

Please to Pay the Whole of the wages Due to me as a Soldier in Major Benjamin Whitcomb Choir of Rangers with the Deprecition to Major Benjamin Whitcomb and his Receipt Shall be a full Discharge for the Same

Stratford 9th Janr—.

pr me Josiah Blogget

[R. 4-28] [*Relative to two redeemed Captives.*]

July the 19th 1781 oure friend Indions brought in Prisoners of our men which Desarted from Canady which Sd Indians found in the woods and brought in which Sd Prisoners Promised to Pay Sd Indions 30 Dollors a Pece which Prisoners was not able to Pay and one Elijah Blogget Paid the Sd Sum to Sd Indians for the Redemtion of Gilberd Borged & Josiah Blogget which was 60 Dollors

Stratford January ye 17th 1785

Joshua Lamkin } Selectmen
Archippus Blogget }

Partisienor Elijah Blogget

[R. 4-29] [*Soldier's Order.*]

To the Honble Treasure of the State of New-hampshire

Please to Pay the whole wages and Depreciation Due to Thomas Blodget late a Soldier in Major Benjamin Whitcombs Choir of Rangers to the Said Whitcomb who is hereby authorized to give a full Discharge for the Same

Josiah Blodget
Elijah Blodget
Mary Cole
Howard Blodget
Levi Blodget
Henry Blodget
Nucomb Blodget

Stratford 13 of July 1792

This May Certify that the above Named are all the hairs of the above named Thomas Blodget

Certifyed by us

Isaac Johnson } Seelect
James Brown } men

[10–109] [*Relative to Burnside's Ferry, 1786.*]

We Jeremiah Eames & Joseph Peverly Select men of Northumberland—& Joshua Lamkin Selectman & James Brown Town Clerk of Stratford, Certify that we have been notified that a Petition was presented or about to be presented to the General Court for a Ferry to be granted to Thomas Burnside to begin at the Ferry bounds of Edwards Bucknam One mile above the Great falls at Northumberland to extend Six Miles up from Said Bounds, on the River Connecticut taking in the Mouth of Ammanoosook River & one Mile up the Same.—And that We know the inhabitants of Said Towns & every one travelling that way will be greatly reliev'd by a ferry being kept there—And we further Certify that We are of Opinian No person in either of those Towns or in the State would Object thereto as no one would be injured thereby but every person in that quarter & all travellers there greatly benefited

Jo^s Peverly
Jer^h Eames
James Brown
Joshua Lamkin

February 1786—

[10–110] [*Petition for a new County: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitents of Stratford
Humbly Sheweth—

Thet your Petitioners Live at the Distance of Near Seventy Miles from the Nearest Shire Town in the County—

That A very Considerable Part of the inhabitants of this Capital part of the County Live Above us and Are under Simmerler Circumstancees with us That the Roads at Some Seasons of the year unpasable—Wharfore We your Peticioners Pray That We may be Set of from the County of Grafton and be made a New County by A Lyne Drawn from Connecticut River between the towns of Concord alius Gunthwait and Littleton and an Eastward takeing in the towns of Conway Eaton &c to the Province Line So Called and yours in Deuty Bound will Ever Pray

Stratford Novr 21st 1791

John Gamsby	Joseph Holbrook Junr	Aran Curtiss
James Brown		Wm Curtiss
George Gamsby	Elijah Hinman	James Curtiss
John Gamsby Ju^r	Joseph Barlow	Henry Bloggett

Charles Strong	Nathan Barlow	Howard Bloget
Benj[a] Strong	Ephraim Barlow	Elijah Blogget
Andrew Strong	Heth Baldwin	Josiah Blgget
Jabez Baldwin	John Smith	Joshua Lamkin
Isaac Johnson	Davd Holdbrook	Ezra Lamkin
Elisha Webster	Richard Holdbrook	Thomas Lamkin
Hezekiah fuller	Stephen Curtiss	Abnor Barlow

[Coös county was constituted by an act approved December 24, 1803.—Ed.]

[10–111] [*Petition for an Abatement of Taxes, etc.: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Shews—

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford in the County of Grafton, that prior to the commencement of the Late war your Petitioners had began Settlement in Said town of Stratford—which ware then the fronter Settlement in this State and consequently in the time of the war was most exposed to the depredations and ravages of the Enemy, and that at the repeated solicitations of the Inhabitants and the Commanding officer further down Conecticut River they continued at their settlements though in continual Jeoperdy for several years and untill the Enemy came upon them took some of the Inhabitants captive & plundered others which compelled your petitioners to remove to plases where their families might not be exposed to continual danger—That your petitioners; though verey great sufferers during the continuance of the war have since the conclucion thereof exerted themselves (though in indigent curcumstances) and have returned to their former Settlements where they wish to continue and make such improvements as may be beneficial to themselves and the Public;—But find themselves under new embarasments occasioned by their poverty and the distance they Live from Inhabitants of wealth and fortune which togather with the expence they have nesesarially ben obliged to be at in building Bridges and a Road threw the town—Renders them quite unable to discharge the Taxes laid on them by Government though well disposed and desireous of doing what is in their power to the support thereof your Petitioners are therefore reduced to the disagreable necessity of Petitioning your Honours to take their unfortunate case under your wise consideration and abate so much of the taxes required of said Town as the present Inhabitants are by Law Subjected to pay

Or in any other way releave them as you in your Great wisdom may See meet—
as your petitioners in duty Bound Shall ever pray
Wm Cargill In behalf of the Petitioners

[10–112] [*Petition for a Grant of Governor's Island: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

Humbly Sheweth Benjamin Strong of Stratford in said State, That there is in Connecticutt River a little North of the Memral bow in s^d Stratford, an Island containing about forty acres, more or less, which Island is the property of said State, and is so Situated as would well accommodate your Petitioner, and can be of no use to the State while it remains in its present uncultivated State—Wherefore he prays your Honors to Grant to him his Heirs and assigns forever the Sole and exclusive right title and Interest, of said Island, so far as the State has any title thereto; and that s^d Island may be enaxed to and be part of Stratford, for such consideration as to Your Honors may appear Just and reasonable, and he as in Duty bound will ever pray—
Benjamin Strong—
Stratford May 25th 1794—

[10–113 is a plan of the aforesaid island, as surveyed by Jeremiah Eames.—Ed.]

STRATHAM.

The territory was a portion of the "Squamscott Patent," granted to Edward Hilton, March 12, 1629. John Farmer says that "In 1693 it was annexed to Exeter, it having before that time been connected with Hampton." In January, 1716, a portion of the inhabitants petitioned to be incorporated into a town; at the same time another and smaller portion petitioned to remain as they were. (See Vol. IX, pp. 778, 779.) The matter was considered in council, March 14, 1715–'16, and it was "Ordered—That Squampscutt Patent Land be a township by the name of Stretham and have full power to Chuse officers as other towns within this Prov.," and, "that a meeting house be built on the Kings great road leading from Greenland to Exeter," and further, "that they be obliged to have a learned Authordox Minist^r to

preach in said meeting house within one year from ye date hereof."

The first town-meeting was held on the 10th of April, 1716.

December 18, 1805, the farm of Brackett Weeks was severed from this town, and annexed to Greenland.

The line between Stratham and Newmarket was established by an act approved Dec. 28, 1805, but the act was repealed June 17, 1807. A small piece of land was severed from this town and annexed to Greenland July 2, 1847.

Joseph Grant, of Stratham, was in First N. H. Regiment, enlisted March 5, 1778; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Joshua Avery was appointed lieutenant June 23, 1779, in one of the companies raised for the defence of Rhode Island. "Sim^n Mason," age 20, was in Capt. Norris's company, Col. Nathan Hale's battalion.

[10-114] [*Petition for a new Grant of Wiggin's Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1742.*]

The Humble petition of Andrew Wiggin jun^r of Stretham in the province aforesaid Gent. shews that for many Years past a Ferry has been kept from the Land now belonging to Your peticoner over Exeter River to New Market and a Way left open thro' his Land to come down to the said Ferry Place and a Tavern has been kept in a House belonging to him near the said Ferry place—That Your peticoner understands that the privilege was formerly Granted by the General Court (or othways) for a Term of Years now near Expired and that a petition is now preferrd or about to be preferred to have a Ferry kept a Cross the said River about a Mile Higher up—That Your peticoner humbly Conceives there is the same Reason for keeping the same at the usual place now as there was for fixing it there at first and that this Court will see Cause to Renew the Grant to him and his Heirs and Assigns in Consideration that his Ancestor was at the Charge of opening a way keeping a Boat and hands to tend the same when the profit was Inconsiderable—

That if another Ferry place should be settled so near neither of them would be worth attending and there is no Necessity for it with Respect to Conveniency of Travellers or any other Consideration whatsoever

Wherefore Your peticoner Humbly prays that a new Grant of a Ferry may be made to Your peticoner to be kept at his Landing place where it has been usually, to hold to him his Heirs

and assigns that he may have the sole previlege of keeping it there and that there may none be Established Els'where over the said River that will be prejudicial to him without such an Advantage to the Public as will Counterballance the damage to him and your peticoner as in duty Bound shall ever pray &c

June 9th 1742

Andrew Wiggin junr

[10-115] [*Warrant for a Meeting relative to settling a Minister, 1744.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

Whereas it is thought propper and very needfull by many if not the Major part of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, that another Minister may be called and settled in the ministry in said town.

These are therefore to Notifie all the freeholders of the town of Stratham in said province to meet at the meeting house in said Stratham on thursday the twenty sixth day of July Currant at two a Clock in the afternoon, then and there in said Meeting to pass a vote that there shall be a Gospel minister called and settled in said town of Stratham as soon as may be with conveniency and also at said meeting to make Choice of suitable persons for a Committee to call and agree with a minister in order for a settlement in said town of Stratham as above said and to pass any other vote at said Meeting which may be thought propper relating to said affair

Given under our hands at Stratham aforesaid July ye 11th 1744.

John Mead
Benja Norris
Noah Barker
Thomas Wiggin
Bradstreet wiggin
} Select men for Stratham

against the warrant & against all the proceedings of this meeting which was in the town of Stratham on July ye 26 day 1774—

all those men whose names are here underwritten dissented in the meeting—

William French Senr	Bradstreet French	Matthew Thomson
	Thomas Veazie Senr	Josiah Smith
William French Junr	Tuften Wiggin	Caleb Rollings
Andrew French	Thomas Wiggin	John Speed
Thomas wiggin Ters	Moses Keneston	Richd Crocket Junr
John Wiggin Junr	Thomas French	Benja Cotton

John Lary	James Keneston	Ebenezer Foulsom
John wiggin	Satchel Clark	Daniel Davis
Joseph Mason	Richard Sinkler	Walter Wiggin
Nathaniel Right White.	Solomon Cotton	Samuel Piper Junr
	Joseph Jewett	David Honeyford
Captn George Veazie	Richard Crocket	Thomas Moor
	Jonathan Chase	David Robinson
Jonathan Dearborn	Captn Edward Fifield	Josiah wiggin
Samuel wiggin Junr		Benj^{a} Mason

September the : 15 : 1744

A copy of the warant and of the Desenters by David Robinson Town Clearke

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[10–116] [*Vote relative to Ministerial Affairs, 1747.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

Stratham March the 25 1747

At a Leagul town meeting held thare by the freedhouldrs and inhabitance thare of

Voted that all those petitioners in the town of Stratham who has petitioned the General Court that they may be Exempted from paying any Charges to m^{r} Josep Adams of s^{d} Stratham as minister shall be freed and Exempted from being compelled by s^{d} town of Stratham from paying any charges whatsoever unto the said m^{r} Adams as minister During the Revrd m^{r} Rusts Ministry in said Town

Stratham March the 28 : 1747

A true Coppie by David Robinson : Town Clearke

[10–117] [*Proceedings in Town-Meeting relative to Ministerial Affairs, 1747.*]

Pro : of New Hampshire at a Leagal meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitance of Stratham held at the meeting hous there pursuant to notification at Stretham June ye 15—1747

Voted Andrew wiggin Esquir shall be moderator of this meeting Altho the Reverend m^{r} Joseph Adams is settled a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this town of Stretham according to the Law and Useage of this province by a Clear Vote at a full town meeting held at Stretham Cald for that purpos—and has b'in ordained according to the Platform of Church Disaplin agreed on by our fore fathers for a Rule of Church Government agreeable to the Gospel—at the furst seating up Church Gover-

ment in this Land in the year 1648 and he has Cast himself on the Lord Depending on him for what he shall Incline the people to give him for his support—yeat so it is that a nombar of peopel in this town are undar such fear and Jelosey that thay may be brought undar som Charge on the acount of mr Joseph Adams setling here that thay have petitioned the Goverment for Relese that thay and thers may be Exempted now that thay and all the world may know that we the town of Stretham seteled mr Adams purely for Conscience seake that we might Injoy the word and ordinances of Christ with those that pay a dew regard to the wondarfull out powering of Gods Holy Spirit in the Leat Reformation and have no desing to Compel any to pay to the support of our Gospel ministry Therefore Voted that all the said petitioners and there Estates shall be and hereby are Exempted Exonarated and freed from sustaing bearing and paying any part of the Charge that has or shall arise in Calling seteling and supporting the said mr Joseph Adams and building meeting hous for his ministry or hous for himself and Every othar thing or mater releating to him and all that Adhear to mr Joseph Adams his ministry and there Esteats shall be and hereby are aquited Exonarted Exempted and freed from sustaining bearing and paying any part of the Charge that shall or may arise in Calling setteling and supporting any ministor that may be Cald or setteled in this town in the room or stead of the Reverend mr Rust to supply his pleace in the ministry aftar his Deceace or unable to prech or repearing meeting hous or bulding Dweling hous and what soever othar Charge may arise on the town thereby

June the 15, 1747

A true copey of the vote by

David Robinson Town Clearke

[R. 4-30] [*John Leavitt, Jr., Soldier, 1748.*]

Province of New Hampshire—June the 19th 1753

Then John Leavit Junr of Stratham in sd Pro: Made Solemn oath that he in the year 1748 served a Soldier thirty five Days at Barrington under Capt Clemens including the days going there & coming home, and has never had one Penny of the Countrey Wages for said service—

Sworn before Moses Leavit Jus: Peace

[R. 4-31-33, are depositions by the following named persons as to service under Capt. Job Clements, in the same year and at the same place: Moses Thurston, Jr., nineteen

days. Jonathan Chase, five weeks, "and no Rum allowed him," and John Speed, two months, by his son Benjamin.—Ed.]

[R. 4-35] [Moses Dalton, apprentice to Abraham Tilton of Stratham, blacksmith, was in Col. Hart's company, Meserve's regiment, in the Crown Point expedition in 1756. He was allowed £9 for expense of sickness on the way home.—Ed.]

[R. 4-36] [In a petition dated Jan. 29, 1761, Joshua Rawlings (in one place it is spelled Rollins) of Stratham, stated "that two of his sons vizt Elisha Rollins and Nicholas Rollins (being minors) were in his majesties service the year past in Capt. George March's Company and served duly the whole campain:" that they were taken sick at "Canterhook," New York, on the way home, and Elisha died there. He asked for an allowance.—Ed.]

[R. 4-40] [*Petition of William Moore, Jr., Soldier, 1755.*]

The Petition of William Moore Junr of Stratham humbly shews, that your petitioner in the year 1755 Engaged in the service of his King & Country under Col^o Blanchard & Continued in the Provincial & Ranging service 'till he was Captivated by the Indians in 1759, during his Captivity which was upward of two years he suffered great hardships besides the Loss of time &c as will appear by a journal herewith Exhibited.

* * * * William Moore Jur.

Stratham June 8th 1762—

[He asked for an allowance, which was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 4-41] [*Statements relative to George March, 1776.*]

Samuel Calley saith that on Sunday morning last Capt Georg March came and called him up and told him that he had good news to tell him that our army was cut up at Canaday and that the Indians had taken 400 of our Soldiers prisoners and killed 20 and then made a great Shout & then said Sullivan was surrounded and by this time they have got them all I hope and

further said he would fight for the King till he spilt every drop of his Blood and said that Beetle was the means of our Defeat and that he was a glorious good fellow

Str July the 3d Day 1776 as witness my hand—

Samuel Calley

[Thomas Calley, Peter Moore, and Jonathan Chase, Jr., made similar statements.—Ed.]

[10–119] [*Petition for the Appointment of John Taylor: addressed to Gov. Wentworth, 1775.*]

The petition of the Selectmen and Other principal Inhabitants of the town of Stratham whose Names are hereunto annexed unto Your Excellency most humbly shews—

That the peculiar State of the Township at this present Time with regard to its internal Policy and Government, requires the Friendly Aid and Assistance of Yr Excellency, in the Appointing a Magistrate for the Town, whose regard for public Peace and good Order, will prompt him to Support the good and wholesome Laws of the Province, against every offender, with an equitable and impartial Distribution of Justice, without any mean, servile Fear of giving Offence to Evil Doers, but to convince them yt he bears not the Sword of Justice in Vain. We have taken under our Consideration the great Want the Town is now in of such a Magistrate, in whose Fidelity your Excellency may confide and the Subject may expect redress from, and in whose Defence, in the Execution of his Office we shall ever be ready to risque our Lives and Fortunes, for the support of Government; We therefore beg Leave to reccommend Mr John Taylor to be appointed to that place, humbly assuring Yr Excellency that we shall ever be gratefully Acknowledging Yr Excellencys Favours as it will be esteemed a Mark of Your regard and Attention to the true Interest of this Town: And Yr petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray:—

Stratham Jany 1775

Daniel Clark } Select
Mark Wiggin } men

Joseph Adams	Benja Merrill	Samuell Goodhue
Thomas Wiggin	Thomas odel	Jacob Rundlet
Samuel Wiggin	Nathaniel Wiggin	Joseph Clark
Jonathan Piper Jur	John Dearborn	matthew Tomson
Chas Wiggin	Jonathan Derborn	Benj Levit
Wheler Burley	Natll Stevens	John piper

Nathan Barker	Nich[l] Rowlings	Elisha French
Ezra Barker	Josiah Smith	John Avery
James Merrill	William Chase	Jonathan Robinson

[10–120] [*Relative to Military Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly, June 4, 1777.*]

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribers freeholders, and Inhabitants of Stratham in said County belonging to the Company of Cap[t] Nicholas Rowling's sheweth that your Petitioners think themselves agrieved, by the Appointment of Cap[t] Nicholas Rowlings to the Command of the Company to wich they belong, as he was elected at a thin Meeting, before the Company had generally met, and as the Company are in general dissatisfied, with his Appointment,—Under such circumstances your Petitioners, humbly conceive your Honors, will think it expedient, to grant your Petitioners a new Choice unless the military skill and prowess of the present Captain should be judged sufficient to countervail the Reasons assigned for his Removal from that office, saving which your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Cap[t] Rowlings may be removed from his Command and they endulged with a new Choice and as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

William taylor	Ward mason	Taylor Clark
David Smith	Thomas Veazy	John Smith Jur
Edward Chase	Josiah Parsons	Mathew Thompson Ju[nr]
William Hash	Daniel Hoit	
Jotham Rollings	Levi Leavitt	Abreham Thompson
John Robinson	Joseph Stevens	Josiah Robinson
Samuel Calley	Richard Sinkler	Benjamin Hoit
Jonathan Chase Jur	Jeremiah neal	Samuel Leavitt
william scammon	Joseph Norris	Ruben Leavitt
Benjamin Robinson	Dudley Cram	John Leavitt y[e] Third
John thirston	frances Coomes	
John Leavitt	frances mason	

[R. 4–45] [*Soldier's Order, 1781.*]

Exeter September 1 Day 1781.

Sir Please to pay the Selectmen of the town of Stratham all the wages that may be Due to me for the time that I shall serve in the Continental army To the Paymaster of the six months men raised in the State of Newhampshire

Benjamin Foss

[R. 4–46] [The town presented bills for aid to soldiers' families as follows, items omitted:

1881.	Mar. 9.	Francis Combs, from Mar., 1780,	£2–14–10
	"	Reuben Austin, from Feb. 1780,	£1–16– 8
	"	" from Mar. 1780,	£9–19– 5

The accounts were sworn to before Mark Wiggin.

Francis Combs stated, in a petition dated Stratham, Feb. 14, 1783, that he was in the service nearly two and one half years, in Capt. Moses Dustin's company. See following.—Ed.]

[R. 4–50] Francis Combs Soldier in the 2d New Hampshire Regiment hath Leave of Absence Untill the 1st of April 1782 and then to return to his Regiment or be treated as a diserter

Given under my hand at Schenectady this 21st of Jany 1782

Moses Duston Capt Comdt

War Office Exeter Feby 5, 1782—paid one months wages in Beef & Rum 40/—Two Shirts, one pr Leather Breeches & one pair Shoes.

[10–125] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Rockingham ss Stratham Decembr 15th 1783—

Wee the Subscribers pursuant to a Request of the General Assembly, have taken the number of Rateable pols from 20 years old to 75 years old in said Town of Stratham and find them to ammount to one hundred & Eighty three

Nicha Rowlings } Selectmen
Nathan Barker } of
Daniel Jewell } Stratham

[Sworn to before M. Wiggin, justice of the peace.]

[10–126] [*Vote on the Paper-Money Question.*]

At a legal town Meeting held in the town of Stratham august 17th Day 1786 the 5th artical in the warrent was to know the minds of the town respecting the making a bank of paper money there appeared 57 in favour of making paper Money and 22 against it

Attest Mark Wiggin Town Clerk

[For legislative action, see Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[10–128] [*Paine Wingate recommended for a Justice of the Peace: addressed to the President and Council, 1785.*]

Stratham March 15th 1785.

We the Subscribers beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency and Honours, that from our particular Acquaintance for a Considerable Number of years, with mr Pain Wingate; and from his general Character amongst us; we apprehend he is a very suitable Gentleman for the office of a Justice of the Peace; and will be likely to be very serviceable to the Town and Publick in that office—therefore beg the favour of your Excellency and Honours, that he may be Appointed to that office: and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Moses Clark
Natl Stevens
Saml Lane
Robert Thurstin
Jabez Lane
Stephen Thurston
Benjamin Barker
Benjamin Barker Junr
Josiah Thurston
Levi Wiggin
Saml Lane Junr
Andrew Wiggin Junr
Shadrach Robinson
Wm Pottle Jur
Simon Pottle
Wm Pottle ye 3
Samuel Marble
Richd Rust
Edward Mason
Bradstreet Wiggin
Dudley L Chase
Thomas Vazey
John Marble
Nathan Adams
Josa Wingate
Thomas Veazey 3d
Sam Leavitt
Samuel Leavitt 3d
Josiah Leavitt
John Thirston
Samuel Pottle
Jonathan Leavitt
Samuel Leavitt Jun
Joseph Merrill
Stephen Thirston
Nathan Wiggin
Nathan Hoag
Enos Hoag
Levi Hoag
Ephraim Tebbets
Stephen Piper
Jonathan Jewett
Enoch Merriel
Ebenr Barker
Ebenr Barker Junr
Joseph Wiggin
Jonathan Wiggin
Seargeant Whitcher
Abraham ——
Thomas Boardman
Israel Stockbridge
Theophilus Smith
thomas Veazey iunr
Joshua Lane
Thomas Moore
Thomas Moore Jr
Benjamin Merrill
Ford Merrill
Jesse Merrill
Jere Foss
John Rundlet
Jacob Stockige
John Stockbridge
Abraham Stockbridge
Harvey moore
Jonathan Wiggin
John hill
Joseph Hoit
Samuel Pottle
William Hash
Thomas Chase
Solomon Smith Ju
Reuben Leavitt
Jonathan Chase
Jeremiah Norris
Samuel Calley
John Sinkler
William Calley
William More
Joseph Norris
Richd Scammon
Richard Scammon Juner
Samuel Scammon
Abraham Tomson
Joseph Hoit
Jonathan hoit
Daniel hoit

[Hon. Paine Wingate was elected representative in congress in 1787, and was a member of the U. S. senate from

1789 to 1793, when he was again elected and served a term in the U. S. house of representatives.—Ed.]

[10-129] [*Petition in favor of Nicholas Rawlings: addressed to the President and Council, 1785.*]

Whereas your petitioners are informed their is to be a New gustece of the peace for the town of Stratham we most humbly and Earnestly Supplycate that your Honours would a point Captain Nichalas Rowlings as gustice of the peace for he is a gentlman that is fit for the Business a forsaid and as he has ben a friend to the amarecans caus and done much in the Sarvace and your petitioners in duty bound shall Ever pray

March the forteenth Day 1785

Josiah Smith	Daniel Clark	Joshua Avery
Edward Taylor Junr	David Clark	Nathan Barker
Jotham Rowlings	Joseph Stevens	Wm Rundlet
Benjamin Green	Jacob Low	Richard Sinckler
Josiah Chase	Jacob Low Juner	matthew Tomson
Josiah Chase Juner	John Dearborn	Levi Chase
william Scammon	James Odel	Reuben Stockbridg
David Burleigh	Nathl Wiggin	Josiah Taylor
Josiah Burley	Daniel Jewell	David Wiggin
Smuel goodhu	Daniel French	Benjamin Clark

[10-130] [*Committee chosen to present a Plan for an Issue of Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Legal town meeting held in Stratham the 30th Day of october AD 1786—

1st Voted Capt Jonathan Robinson Moderator of said Meeting—

2^{ly} Voted Andrew Wiggin Clerk—P—T—

3^{ly} put to Vote to know the minds of the Legal Voters present respecting the making of Paper money Agreable to the plan prosbrib:d by the Sub Comm^{tee} of the General Court—

The Votes as follows for said plan—3—against it 55—

4^{ly} put to Vote to know if the Legal Voters present wou:d wish to have Paper Money made on any other plan—

5^{ly} Voted, in the affirmative—

6^{ly} Voted to choose a Committee of nine persons to proscribe a Plan for making Paper money and to Lay the same before said at the adjournment of this meeting—

7ly Voted Capt N. Rolling D—Clark Capt I Smith Capt Robinson Capt I—Hoit I—Rundlett—W—Pottle I Folsom and F Merrill be said Committee—

8ly Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday—the 27th Day of November next at two of the clock P : M :

Andrew Wiggin C—P—t

A True Coppy—Attest Mark Wiggin Town Clerk

[*Report of aforesaid Committee.*]

The Committee within appointed to report the best Plan they can devise for Emmitting paper money—beg leve to there oppinion—

it is best to adopt the plan for making money agreeable to the Report of the Sub Committee with this alteration which we conceive verey materal Viz, that as fifty thousand pounds will not be sufficient for a Circulating medium, that the sum to be increased to one hundred and twenty thousand pounds, twenty thousand of which to remain in the hands of the Treasury for to answer all Public Demand the remaining sum to be Let out with Intrest at six per cent on Land Security of double the Value, the money to be no tender but for Public Demands and in Cases of Suit—the bills to Carry three per Cent Interest instead of four as the hand bill proposed—the one hundred thousand pounds to be let at Six per Cent and the bills to carry only three—leaves three per Cent for the benefit of the State which is three thousand per annum which will pay Considerable part of our public Expences

All which is Submitted by

Joseph Hoit for the Commtt

[For legislative action, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

SULLIVAN.

The town was incorporated September 27, 1787, and comprised territory severed from Stoddard, Gilsum, Keene, and Packersfield (now Nelson). It was named in honor of Gen. John Sullivan, who was at that time president of the state.

By an act approved January 10, 1794, the west line of the town was "lengthened out and continued south into the

town of Keene 157 rods further than by the act of incorporation."

July 7, 1874, a few acres of land were severed from this town and annexed to Gilsum.

[10–134] [*Petition for Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

Humbly shew your Petitioners, The Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Towns of Keene, Packersfield, Gilsom, and Stoddard. That they live remote from the centre of their respective Towns and by reason of distance and bad roads are deprived of their town privileges—That they cannot enjoy these conveniences of public worship—That some of their duties as members of their several towns are by their situation very burdensom.—That if they might be incorporated into a seperate and distinct township it would be highly advantageous to them, and no detriment to the towns to which they now belong—That they are encouraged to hope that no objections will be made to their being thus incorporated unless by the town of Gilsom, and that those objections may be easily obviated

The prayer of this their humble Petition therefore is—That the tract of land marked out upon the plan herewith exhibited may be set off from the several Towns aforesaid into a distinct Township by the name of orringe and the Inhabitants of it incorporated as aforesaid—and Your Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray.

August 22d 1786.

Roswell Hubbard	Zadock Nims	Erastus Hubbard
Joshua Osgood		
	Inhabitants of Keene	
Grindal Keith	Oliver Carter	
	Inhabitants of Packerfield	
——— Burnam	Josiah Seward	Ezra Osgood
Nathan Bolster	William Burnam	Elijah Carter
Saml Seward	Samuel Wyman	
	Inhabitants of Stoddard	
James Row	John Chapman	Timothy Dewey
Timothy Dimmock	Benjamin Chapman	Thos Morse
James Pratt	Benjn Ellis	Jesse Wheeler
Joseph Ellis	Simeon Ellis	Lockhart Willard
William Cory	Nathan Ellis	Jonathan Baker
Samuel Cory	John Chapman Junr	John Dimick

Joshua Cory James Locke Junr Ebenezer Birdit
Jonathan Heaton James Locke John Row

Inhabitants of Gilsom

[See introduction to Sullivan.—Ed.]

[10–135] [*Report of the Committee on foregoing Petition, 1787.*]

We the Subscribers being a Committee Appointed by the General Court of this State to View the Corners of Keene Packerfield Gilsom and Stoddard haveing Viewed the primeces Beg Leave to Report, as their Opinion that the parts of Towns Petitioned for to be made into a Town lies Very Convenient for that purpose by Reason of being incompassed all Round with Mountains and Broken Land that is almost impassable Besides their Lying Very Remote from the Towns to which they Now Belong to—but it must Consequently, if incorporated into a New Town Leaves Some of the Towns from which those parts of Towns were Taken Especially Gilsome in a Broken and inconvenant Shape as may be made to appear by the Plan of s^d Town if S^d Gilsome Could be acomedated by Being anexed to any other parts of Towns which Lies Joyning it is our opinion that it might be a Publick advantage and much for the accomedation and Benifit of the Petitioners

Alstead September ye 24, 1787

Lem^ll Holmes
Absalom Kingsbery

[10–136]

The Petition of the select Men of the towns of Keene and Sullivan in said State Humbly Sheweth—

That whereas in the year 1789—an Act passed the General Court to Incorporate a town by the Name of Sullivan and in and by said Act the Bounds of Said town are Affixed and Determined—But as they will not Close agreeable to said Act—We your Humble Petitioners pray an Amendment may be made to Said Act, in the following manner (Viz) the West line of Said town to be lengthened South into Keene one Hundred fifty seaven Rods thence East twenty Eigth Degrees & 30 minutes South, to the East line of said Keene, thence North on said line to the Bounds from Which they set out from in said Act

and whereas by said Amendment the Lines will run as they

ever were Expected to run by the town of Keene and likewise by said Petitioners for Sullivan—It is the Humble Request of Said towns that said Amendment take Place—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Keene Decem^{r} 20th 1793

Lock^{t} Willard } Select Men
David Willson } of Keene

Erastus Hubbard } Select Men
Eliakim Nims } of Sullivan

[This petition was granted January 10, 1794.—Ed.]

[10–137] [*Petition for the Grant of a Township: addressed to the General Court, 1798.*]

The Petition of the subscribers, Inhabitents of the State of New Hampshire, Humbly Sheweth—

that your Petitioners being inform^{d} that there is within the limits of this State lands as yet unlocated; and your Petitioners being desirous, to lay a foundation for the settlement of our Children within the bounds of there Native State

We therefore pray that a township may be granted to your Petitioners, for actual Settlement under such restrictions, and limits, as your Hon^{l} body may think propper, that we may not have the disagreeble Sight of Seeing our Sons Emigrating to other States and prehaps, Kingdoms—

And as in Duty bound will ever pray

Sullivan Novr 10th 1798

Roswell Hubbard	gorge Nims	Samuel Seward Junr
Elijah Carter	James W-Osgood	Paul Farnsworth
Wm Muzzy	Charles Carter	Theophilus Row
Elijah Osgood	James Willson	Joseph Seward
Danl Wilson Junr	Calvin Nims	James Row
Josiah Seward Junr	Olover Brown	Daniel Farnsworth
Wm Munroe	Phelander Nims	Thomas Seward
Oliver Carter	Ezra Osgood	Ichobad Keith
Erastus Hubbard	Elsworth Hubbard	Elijah Rugg
Joseph Ellis Junr	George Hubbard	Josiah Seward
Roswell Hubbard Junr	Thom^{s} Morse	James Comstick
Wi^{ll} Bridge	Thomas Powell Jun	Peter Barker
Daniel Willson	David Powell	Abijah Seward
John Willson	Joseph Powell	Nathan Bolster
	Jonathan Powell	

Isiah Willson	Samuel Seward	Samuel Clarke
Sam[l] Willson	Abel Carter	Henry Carter
Frederick Nims		

SUNAPEE.

The township was granted November 7, 1768, to Oliver Corey and others, and named Saville. Previous to this the locality was known as Corey's-Town.

It was bounded easterly on the "Curve line" of Mason's Patent, and run to a point at the south end near what is now the north-east corner of Marlow.

John Wendell, of Portsmouth, was one of the grantees, and became one of the principal owners prior to 1781, at which time,—to wit, April 4, 1781,—in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, the town was incorporated by the name of Wendell.

December 27, 1791, the south end of the town was combined with portions of other towns, and erected into the town of Goshen.

December 11, 1804, some territory was severed from the north-east corner of this town and annexed to New London; and by an act approved June 19, 1817, another tract was severed, and annexed to the same town.

By an act approved July 12, 1850, the name of the town was changed to Sunapee.

By a return of Col. Benjamin Bellows, Jr., dated March 15, 1776, the 10th company of his regiment was located in Saville, and commanded by Samuel Gunnison, captain; Benjamin Thurbour, 1st lieutenant; William Lang, 2d lieutenant; and George Lear, ensign.

[10–139] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition: addressed to the Council and Assembly, 1776.*]

The Petition & Memorial of John Wendell of Portsmouth in the s[d] Colony Esq[r] unto your Honours humbly shews—

That your Petitioner by a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Township of Saville in said Colony was chosen to represent them in the late hon[bl] Congress in all Matters that regard their

public Safety especially to procure them some Powder & Ball for their defence against their Enemies, and as the Gentleman who lately represented said Township wh Other is removed into the Council and is also absent at this Time, Your Memorilist thinks it his Duty to petition Yr Honrs in the Behalf of said Inhabitants, that you would be pleased to grant them such a Supply of Arms & Ammunition as their Situation may require and as it will appear from the Evidence of Capt Samuel Gunnison who commands the Company in said Town, and who is a Person with whom Yr Honours may deposit such Military Stores as you may be pleased to grant them, and for whose Fidelity Yr Petitioner will readily be bound for

Yr Petitioner will not presume to lay before Yr Honours the Urgency of a Supply to the Interior Parts of ye Colony as it must occur to You from the late Intelligences from Canada, yet he humbly begs leave to suggest, that those he now represents are wholly in want of Powder & are likely to be called on sooner than many Others, being most of them Young, able & willing to defend their Country against any hostile Attempts of the Brittish Army—if they should invade the Frontier Towns,—And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

John Wendell Agent for the Town of Saville—

Portsmo July 2d 1776.

[10–140] [*Petition for an Incorporation: addressed to the General Assembly, January, 1781.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Township of Saville, so called, in said State, unto Your Honours humbly shews;—

That your Petitioners labour under many Inconveniences for the Want of an Incorporation of the said Town, and as Your Honours have indulged Other Towns, far less Inhabited than this, They humbly hope for the same Favour,—Your Petitioners have exerted them selves on all Occasions in the present War, greatly beyond their Abilities, and have signalized their Attachment to the State of New Hampshire and its Jurisdiction,—Your Petitioners pray that said Township may be incorporated with the Priviledges of other corporate Towns, and that it may hereafter bear the name of Wendell, for which Indulgence: yr Petitioners will ever pray—

Samuel Gunnison	Daniel Grendel	Abiathar young
William Lang	John Beven	Robrd young
Benja his B. R. Rand mark	Rob woodward	Edward young
	Nehemiah woodward	Jemes young

George W. Lear	daniel woodward	Joshua Whitne
Joseph Lear	Daniel Sherburne	William
Robert Rand	Sam willson	E x Sisco
Moses True	Esek young	Sam : Sisco

William Lang for his son William in the army

[The town was incorporated April 4, 1781, by the name of Wendell.—Ed.]

[10-142] [*Statement relative to the Condition of the Inhabitants, 1782.*]

To His Honor the President & the Honble the Council & House of Representatives, to be Convened at Concord the 2^d Tuesday in June 1782: In and for the Common Wealth of New Hampshire—

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of wendell most Humbly Sheweth that Your Petitinors have Recived Tax Bills from the Treasurer of this Common wealth to the Amount of £160—15—New Emission & £6—0—6—Speice for the years 1781—& for the year 1782 the amount of £194—4—7—to be paid In Silver or Gold, as our Proportion of the State Tax. We therefore beg Leave To Inform Your Hon^rs of our Inability to pay the Same—As under is the True & Deplorable State of the Town—there is but 25 familes in the town & 3 of them So Infirm that they Pay no Pole Tax—& 11 Single men Some of the familes hafe one Cow Each Some 2 others none at all—after a Strict Enquiry Could not find above 4 Families that has Bread Corn Enough to Last to English Harvest & all the Rest are buyers of Corn Some of which have Nothing to buy with—And we Humbly Conceive there has been no town Setteled by Inhabitants in Such Low Circumstances as this--as Some have Ever been Obliged to Go Twenty miles after Bread Corn to Eat yearly we have Ever been Ready to Assist our Proportion in the Continental Army both Personal & in all other Exigencies—There is So many Non Resident Proprietors of Land Living oute of the town owning the Principale of the Town that our Roads are in a bad Situation and having no mills we are Obliged to Go to the next Towns for Every thing we may want in that way which makes our Situation realy Distressing—As we are ordered by a Special Act of the Assembly not to tax the Lands of the Non Residents towards Defraying the Expence of making or Repairing the Roads in the Town we are not able to Do it our Selves—Your Humble Petitioners Do Con-

ceive the Poverty of the town is Deplorable—many of those Familes have no money and if these taxes are Inforced on them must Sell there Stock and there Families Suffer—we Humbly Conceive that our Precept is much bigger than our Just purpotion for want of a true knowledge of our Situation—1ly we are on a Gore of Land which other towns Infringe uppon us and we Cant help it 2ly we Humbly Conceive we have not our quantity of Land by Reason of So much watter in the town—the tax bill for the year 1781,—was Recd march 25th 1782 the tax bill for the year 1782—was Recd may 16—1782—on the Receipt of which the Inhabitants was Called to Gether to Consider of there melancholy Situation & to Petition to the assembly for Redress therefore your Petitioners most humbly Pray Your Honours will be pleasd to take there Distressed Case into there most Serious consideration & they will in Duty Bound Ever Pray—voted in the above Sd meeting that mr moses True forward this Petition to the General Assembly at Concord—

Attest Samll Gunnison town Clark—may ye 23d 1782—

[R. 454] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Windale Augst 26th 1784 to the Tresurer of the State of New Hampshire Sir Plese to Pay the hole of my wages due to me from the state of New Hampshire for sarvis don in the Contanental sarvis to Elijah Frink or his order—and this order shall be a full discharge from your Humble sarvant in presents of us

his
Stephen × Scranton
mark

Jona Burroughs
Joel Bailey

the above sd Stephen Scranton was in Col Scamels or Col. Darbons Regt

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[R. 455] [*Order from Soldier's Mother.*]

To the Treasurer of the State of Newhampr

Sir please to pay to Samll Stone all the areas and deprecotion due to the heirs of William McBretain a Soldier in the first Redgamet and this Shall be good Rect for the Same it being for Value Recevd as witness my hand Wendell Novbr 12 1792

her
Janey × McBriton
mark

Joshua Whitne
Ebenezer Freeman

[R. 4-56] [*Certificates relative to Mrs. McBritton.*]

To Ambros Coset Esq Sir we wish you to certify that Janey McBreton Siner to an order given to Sam[ll] Stone was the Mother to Will McBreton who died In the first Newhampsher Redg and Left Nither father Brother Nor Sister and she is the Soal heir So doeng you will oblige your Serve

Joshua Whitne
Ebenezer Freeman

Cheshire ss This may certify that Joshua Whitne and Ebenezer Freeman both of Windle are in my Opinion men of truth and varasity and I have seen the Widow britton of Windle and have heard that she had no Children living and belive she has none living

November 14th 1792 Attest Ambrose Cossit Justice of the peace

To whom it may concern

[R. 4-57.] [*Statement relative to Revolutionary Service.*]

To the Hono[ble] the Commite of Claims in and for the Commonwealth of Newhampshire Gentelmen this may Inform your honours of the State and Sittuation of the town of Wendell During our Late unnateral war. In the first of the war their was but fifteen families twenty two poles Laram List & training Band—And in April 1783—but thurty four taxable poles in the town—which have always Dun their Parts & Sum times more in the Common Cause as may appear by the following account which I took from the Peopels mouths as to Collect the actual Service the peopel of this town have Done from the officers Roles they ware under I Cannot do

	years
Benj[a] Howard in the Service—	0– 9 months
Elezer Sisco - - - - - - - -	0– 5–
Samuel Gunnison Jun[r] - - - -	0– 7–½
Joseph Lear - - - - - - - -	0– 1–½
Daniel Grindle for messers Lears -	0– 5–
Daniel woodward - - - - - - -	0– 2–
w[m] Lang Jun[r] from the begining of the war & During the war—	
William Sisco - - - - - - - -	0–10–
william mcbritton Jun[r] - - - -	0– 5–
w[m] mcbritton Jun[r] for three years wounded & Died in the Service	3– 0–

	y	months
Edward young - - - - - - - -	0–	6–
Daniel Grindle for himself - - -	0–	5–
Sam[ll] Sisco for three years - - -	3–	0–

the above List are of those who ware in town and Did Service for the town—

	y	
Joshua Gage - - - - - - - -	0–	8 months
Esek young - - - - - - - -	1–	2–
abiathar young - - - - - - -	1–	9–
Neamiah woodward - - - - -	1–	2–
thomas woodward - - - - - -	0–	9–
Joshua whitne - - - - - - -	1–	8–
	7–	2–

the above List are of those who had Just purechased Land in town & made Sum Small Improvements and then went volenters into the armey in Diferant Departments

this from your humble and faithfull Servant—Errors Excepted—Wendell october the 12th 1785—Sam[ll] Gunnison Capt.

To the Honourable the Committe of Claims or bord of war In and for the Common wealth of Newhampshire this may Inform your honours that Col[o] Hunt has brought A Extent to the Amount of £ as our Purpotion of our Dilenquent Solder tax for the Late war which we humbly Conceive is Come against us by Reason of your honours not having A Rite Knowledge of what the Inhabitants of this Poor feeble town has Dun by Calls on all Sudden Ammergences from our field officers and also volentiers Going So much that we Actualy beleive that we ought to have Credit Rather then to be Called uppon for the Least Sum—we humbly Conceive we have a Just Rite to Chalange the whole State that their is not a town in it Considering our Poverty and numbers that have Done near So much as the People of this town have in actual Service withoute hire from other towns therefore we would Earnestly Desire your honours would take the above account under your Consideration & we humbly beg the Extent now in Col[o] Hunts hands may be with Drawn—this from your humble Peteniors in Duty Bound Ever pray—

Wendell october ye 14th—1785—

Samuel Gunnison
moses true
Joshua Gage
} Select men of Wendell

[R. 4-58] [*Statement relative to Service in the War: addressed to the General Assembly, 1786.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Saville, formerly so called, but w^eh^ is now incorporated by the Name of Wendell, in behalf of themselves and the Other Inhabitants of said Township, unto Honours humbly Shews—

That the Honble Treasurer of this State, hath lately Issued an Extent on Your Petitioners, for the want of their Proportion of Men, during the War, which occasioned the Greatest Surprize to Your Pet^rs^, as they were conscious, that the said Inhabitants, taken in a comparative View, have done more service During the war, than Any Town in the whole State, as they Humbly concieve they shall make to appear to any committee of this Honble Court; Your Pet^rs^ never Received any List or Demand for their Proportion from any Public Officer what ever, excepting a Letter from Col^o^ now Genl Bellows to Capt Gunnison for the Names of such men as went from s^d^ Town unlisted for Three Years or during the war with the Names of the Officers under whom they Served, on which Your Pet^rs^ Gunnison returned the Names of William Lang jun^r^ W^m^ M^c^Brittain Junr & S^l^ Sisco Inhabitants of said town who were then inactual Service engaged for Three Years, One of whom was wounded in Battle & afterwards died thereof And excepting a few Old men Every man in the town has Occasionally served in Person on Alarms and Whenever Col^o^ Bellows Sent Out for them, All which they humbly hope to make appear Wherefore they Request a Committee of this Honble Court may be Appointed to take the Prayer of their Petition into Consideration and to Report thereon as to Justice belongs, And Your Pet^rs^ as in duty Bound shall ever Pray

Sam^ll^ Gunnison } Selectmen
moses true } of Wendell

Wendell January 2^d^ 1786.

[The foregoing petition was referred to a committee, who reported in favor of allowing the town £60 on account of Wm. Lang, and that Wm. Sisco had been hired by the town of Croydon. The report was accepted and adopted.—Ed.]

[10-143] [*Relative to Soldiers' Bounties, 1789.*]

A Statement agreable to the Resolve of the General Court pased September 24th 1787—the State of Newhampshire Deter. to the Town of Wendal to Certain Bountys given for the Raising of men for the Continental Army and the Milia Service as

they have been called into duty at Sundry times dureing the late War and as they have been paid either by the Town of Wendal (formerly Saville) or by Individuals in said Windal—

We the Subscribers have received the following Sums affixed to each of our names as Bountys for the Service we have done in the Continantal Army and Militia during the late War, this we have Received from the said town of Wendal or Individual persons in Said Town equivalent to Silver money

Esek young	£25	0	0
Daniel Grendel	5	0	0
Benjn his mark × Howard	14	17	0
	44	17	0

State of Newhampshire Cheshire County ss:

Wendal December 22^{d} 1789—

Personally Apeared Esek Young Daniel Grindel and Benjamin Howard and made Solemn Oath that they each of them Received so much as is affixed to each of their names of the Town of said Wendal or Individual Persons in said Wendal as Bountys for Serving in late Continental army and Militia

Coram—Josiah Stevens Justice Peace

William Lang Junr Received Eighteen Pounds and eight penc of said Town of Wendal and an Individual man in said Wendal as a Bounty for his Service in the late war but the said William died Some years Since and no proper Receit being left We pray that the account may be allowed it was then equal to Silver money

Wendell Decem^{br} 22nd 1789

Joseph Cutts
Ichabod Perkins
Ebenezer freeman
} Select Men of Wendal

[19–148] [*Petition for a new Town: addressed to the General Court, 1789.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of Wendell Lemster Unity Newport and Fishersfield living on a Tract of Land lying in the Remote corners of the Towns Aforesaid which makes it Exceedingly Inconvenient on Account of all Town affairs as Publick Town Meetings and Religious Societies by our being at Such A Distance from the Center of those

Towns that we are now Incorporated with, Therefore the Prayers of your petitioners is that your Hon^{rs} will Consider us in our Situation and Incorporate us as a Town as Shall be Set forth in the Plan herewith Exhibited or otherwise as your Hon^{rs} in your Wisdom Seem meet and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever Pray

Lemster December ye 22 A D 1789

Asa Hebard	John Wheeler	William Lang
Benjn Willey	James Libbey	Stephen Lang
Allen Willey J^{r}	Parker Tandy	Daniel Grendel
Milan Hebard	George W. Lear	Arthur Humphrey
Luther Martin	Joseph Lear	Stephen Gilman
Nathan Willey	Benjamin Rand	Elisha Thacher
Reuben Willey	Benjamin Rand Junr	Ephraim Gullison
Eleazer Cary		George Ayres
Daniel Shirbon	Nathanill Gunnison	
Daniel Shirbon J^{r}	Moses true	

N: B Said Town to be bounded as followeth (viz) Beginning on Newport South line About fifty Rods west of gilman^{s} mils thence South four milds and three Quaters or So far as to be parrael with the South line of fishersfeild thence East four milds thence North five milds and 140 Rods thence westerly four milds and One third to the first mentoned bounds

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[10–147] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1790.*]

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the town of Unity humbly prayeth, that whareas a Petition was Presented to the General Court at their Sessions in December Last signed by Daniel Grindale and others praying that the East end of S^{d} Unity with part of sundry other towns Mentioned in S^{d} Petition might be Incorporated into a Township Distinct, from those to which they now belong, Your Petitioners humbly conceive that it will be of great damage to S^{d} Town of Unity to Spare any part of S^{d} Township to the above mentioned Petitioners as we are Sensible that the situation of S^{d} town is such that if in case their request should be granted the remaining part of S^{d} Town cannot with any Conveniency be accommodated with one center and it will Effectually prevent any other Division of S^{d} Town from takeing place which might otherwise be done. And which the Town are very unanimous in haveing done—and which we think would be greatly conducive to the Peace welfare and Happiness of S^{d} Town—Therefore we do in the most humble manner Request your Honours, that the Prayer of the petition of

Sd Grindale, and others (so far as it respects Sd town of Unity) may not be Granted and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray—

Unity December 2nd 1790—

Samuel Chase

Nathaniel Huntoon	Moses Chase	Daniel moody
Charls Huntoon Jr	John Sleeper	Josiah Huntoon
Philip Huntoon	Abraham Sandborn	Richard Moody
Caleb Huntoon	Moses Fifield	Samborn Cram
John Huntoon	Isaac Livingston	Jacob Cram
Daniel Bachelder	Jonathan Glidden	andrew Glidden
thomas Nott	Barnabas Sinkler	Jacob × Glidden
Stephen Huntoon	Elias Buckman	Elipelet Bodwell
Joshua Bartlett	Asa Lamson	Eliphelet Bodwell Jun
Jacob Bartlett	Amos Lamson	James Bodwell
Benjamin Huntoon	Saml P Glidden	Stephen Brown
Benjamin Clough	Jonathan Glidden Jnr	Joseph Glidden
Samuel Huntoon	Stephen Buckman	Simeon Glidden
Matthias Bartlett	Amos Buckman	James Dudley
Cornelies Clough	Jacob Smith	Darbon Sweet
Amos T Huntoon	Nathaniel Heart	asaph merrel
Joseph Huntoon Junr	Elephelit Breead	thomas Smith
William Long	Nichelos peirce	Jeremiah Glidden
Benjamin Smart	William Neal	Ebenezer barker
Joseph Hebet	Josiah moody Junr	Saml W. Thurber

[10–150] [*Vote of the Town of Lempster on the foregoing.*]

At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of Lemster held in consequence of a Petition to the Selectmen of Sd Lemster from Moses True and other on the eighteenth day of Decr A D 1789—On the Question being put whether the Town Approved or disapproved of the design of Sd Petitioners in takeing off part of Sd Town of Lempster it was disapproved by 33. and Approved by 11—

Meeting disolved—

A true copy Attest James Bingham T. Clerk

Lempster Jany 8, 1791—

[10–151] [*Wendell against the Separation.*]

Wendell Jany 3, 1791—

Whom it may concern this certifies, that the Town of Wendell have never voted to give of the South part of S^{d} Town as requested in a Petition Signed by Daniel Grendell and Others Also certifies that there are not more than Fifty four Rateable Polls in s^{d} Town of Wendell—

Ichabod Perkins Town Clerk

[10–152]

We the Inhabitants of the Town of Wendell whose names are hereunder Written being Sensible of the Dificulties that we are under by Reason of the Situation of this Town and the great Distance that many of the Inhabitants have to Travel for publick Worship and all Town affairs of Every kind do Suppose it to be Reasonable and Necesary and do freely Consent and Request that your Honours would Incorporate the South End of Said Wendell with the Corners of Several other Towns agreeable to the plan taken by Mr Jese Lane or otherwise as your Honours in your Wisdom Seem meet and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

Wendell May ye 12th 1791

Strokley angell	Esek Angill	Edward yong
Noel Angell	James Scales Junr	James bock
Joshua gage	Abiathar young	Thomas Woodward
Eben angell	Robard young	Joshua Whitne
James young	Daniel Moses	Giles Bartlet
philip Huntoon	Israel Bryant	Job Williams
Cornalous young	Esek young	

[Portions of the towns of Wendell, Newport, Unity, Lempster, and Fishersfield were combined, and incorporated into a town named Goshen, Dec. 27, 1791.—Ed.]

[10–154] [*Petition to have the Corner Bound of Goshen established, 1797.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of Wendell humbly Sheweth

That Whereas a Mistake appears to have taken place in the Act for Incorporating the Town of Goshen respecting the first bound of Said Town which is mentioned in Said Act as beginning at the northeast corner of lot No nine in the first range of

lots in Wendell & upon Fishersfield line, which Said northeast Corner & the line of Fishersfield have Since been found to be at Some distance apart & the Inhabitants of Goshen petitioned the Generall Court the last Year to have this mistake rectified & the Said first bound established either at the Said northeast corner of lot N° nine without having any regard to Fisherfield line or on the line of Fisherfield in the place meant to be described in Said Act—Therefore as it would be very inconvenient for the Town of Wendell to have the Said bound established at the Northeast Corner of lot No nine by reason that it would leave a considerable point of land in Said Wendell lying in a triangular form between Fisherfield & Goshen.

Your petitioners humbly request your Honours that the said bound may be established upon the line of Fishersfield in the place where it was meant & intended to have been made when that part of Wendell was Set off to Goshen which was in Such place as where it would form a Straight line with the Said northeast corner of lot N° nine & the head lines of that range of lots to Newport line thereby making one Straight line between the Town of Said Wendell & Goshen from Fishersfield line to Newport line and that the bound & line may be thus established we in duty bound will ever pray

Wendell June 3rd 1797

Whittier Perkins }
Nathaniel Perkins } Selectmen of Wendell
Samuel George }

[The line was established in accordance with this petition, June 22, 1797.—Ed.]

SHARON.

The territory in this town was formerly the westerly portion of Peterborough Slip, and retained the name after the east part was separated and incorporated into the town of Temple. By an act passed February 6, 1789, the inhabitants were invested with the privilege of levying and collecting taxes for the repair of highways, and the laying out and building of the same; and by an act passed June 19, 1789, they were authorized to levy and collect a tax of one penny per acre annually, for the term of three years, for the purpose of repairing roads and bridges. January 24, 1791, the town was incorporated by its present name.

The following documents were not found in time to place the town in alphabetical order.

[10–210] [*Petition for Annexation to Peterborough: addressed to the General Court, 1777.*]

We the Inhabitance of Peterborough Slip as Your Humble Petitionors do Beg Leave to Aquant Your honors that we have Voted to be Anexed to Peterborough and Are Verry Desirous for the Same for our Number[s] Being So Small that we Cannot be a town of our Selves Nor have Any towne Privilidges while we Are in this Situation and we humbly Pray that Your honors would take it into consideration and if it be Your Minds to Grant Us our Petetion Which we Now Request of Your honours let it be Don Soon as may be—

And we Shall Ever pray &C

Peterborough Slip May 27th 1777

John Taggart	Gilbert m[c]cay	Josiah Crosby
Jn[o] Swan	William Milliken	Sam[l] Gragg
Jon[o] Taggart J[r]	James Milligen	Jn[o] Eliot
John Swan Jun[r]	John m[c]allaster	Andrew Conn
Samu[l] Milliken	James M[c]Nee	
John Whitemore	Benj: Nutting	

[10–216] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

The petition of the subscribers in behalf of the Inhabitants of a place called Peterborough-Slip in the County of Hillsborough in said State humbly sheweth,

That the said Inhabitants have for many years laboured under great inconveniencies & difficulties in not being vested with corporate powers.—

That the said place called Peterborough Slip is surrounded by incorporated places—Peterborough on the north Jaffrey on the west, Rindge & New Ipswich on the South & Temple on the east—& that it cannot with convenience be annexed to either of those Towns—

That the number of Inhabitants in said place now Amounts to one hundred & eighty, And the number of Families to forty: That the said Place contains about seventy lots containing upon an average One hundred acres, & is capable of making fifty good Farms or settlements—That your Petitioners are very desirous of enjoying, in common with their fellow Citizens, the Blessings resulting from a Gospel ministry—publick Schools—good roads & all the other Benefits that flow from an organized & well regulated Society—And your petitioners beg leave to observe that should your Honours be pleased to encorporate

them, in their present situation, that most of the difficulties & embarrassments which they now feel, would still remain; & that the only expedient whereby your Petitioners may be relieved, is, as they humbly conceive, that a small Piece be taken from each of the Towns that join upon said Peterborough-Slip on the north and west and be added thereto—Your Petitioners humbly conceive that if One mile be taken off the east end of Jaffrey & one mile from the south end of Peterborough, as far as they adjoin upon said Peterborough Slip, that such an accession would make them competent for all the purposes of corporate Society, and in no degree injure the said Towns of Jaffrey & Peterborough—Your petitioners are led to conceive thus of the matter from these considerations; That the said Town of Jaffrey is now seven miles from west to east, & only five from North to South; So that, when that part of said Jaffrey, which it is the wish of your petitioners may be annexed to them, shall be [taken off, the remaining part will be large enough for a Township & will better accommodate the Inhabitants than now

That as to the said Town of Peterborough your petitioners beg leave to observe, that a tract of land unincorporated, called Society, lies adjoining to Said Peterborough on the North—that this Tract is also surrounded by incorporated places And may very conveniently, At least a part of it, be annexed to said Peterborough, And will more than compensate for that part of Peterborough which may be Annexed to said Peterborough-Slip—

Your Petitioners Therefore pray that your Honours would be pleased to annex, One mile taken off the east end of said Jaffrey, & One mile taken off the South end of said Peterborough, to the Tract of Land now called Peterborough-Slip, and incorporate the whole into a Township vested with all the privileges of corporate Societies in this State and as in Duty bound your Petitioners shall ever pray—

John m^c^allaster
Saml Gragg
Saml Milliken
} Committee of Peterborough Slip

Heard and dismissed.

[10-217] [*Petition for Authority to levy and collect Taxes for the repair of Highways, 1787.*]

The petition of the Inhabitants of a place called Peterborough-Slip, in said State,

Humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners, by reason of their being unincorporated, are subject to many inconveniences, among which are,

first, That they cannot lay out new high-ways—Second, That they cannot tax Non-residents lands, nor lands unimproved, to help make and repair highways—And, Third, That they cannot compell persons who are unwilling to labour on highways to work on them at all: Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honors would enable, empower and fully authorize them to lay out high-ways in said Place, where necessary—to tax the Non-residents lands and lands unimproved, in said place, for the making and repairing highways in said place—And to compell the Inhabitants of said Place to make, mend & repair said high-ways—in as full and ample a manner as the Inhabitants of incorporated towns and places in this State are by law authorised to act and do in such matters—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

June 25th 1787.

John Prentice for the Petitioners

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed February 6, 1789.—Ed.]

SURRY.

The town was incorporated March 9, 1769, and comprised territory severed from the towns of Westmoreland and Gilsum, largely from the latter. That portion taken from the former had been known as Westmoreland Leg.

By the act of incorporation the first meeting was to be called by Peter Hayward, the first settler in town, and Ebenezer Kilburn had liberty to "poll off" with his estate to Gilsum.

Surry was one of the towns that voted to unite with Vermont, and, in 1781, the majority of the selectmen refused to call a meeting for the election of a member of the legislature, in obedience to a precept from this state, "being under oath to the state of Vermont." See Vol. XI, p. 29.

Lead and silver were discovered on Surry mountain many years ago, and attempts have been made from time to time to mine the ore. A mine on the east side of the mountain, which is being worked at the present time by the Granite State Mining Company, produces gold, silver, copper, and lead, in considerable quantities.

Surry men in 1st N. H. Regiment:

Joshua Church enlisted March 18, 1777; discharged April 30, 1780.

Anthony Gilman enlisted July 1, 1777; taken prisoner.

Samuel Liscomb enlisted May 8, 1777; discharged December, 1779.

Jacob Bonney enlisted May 20, 1777; died July, 1778.

[10-156] [*Petition of Lemuel Holmes: addressed to the General Court, February 10, 1780.*]

The Memorial of Lemuel Holmes Captain of the Corps of Rangers— ——— ——— ——— Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist was captivated by the British Army on the 16th Day of November, AD. 1776, at Fort Washington (so called) and carried into New-York, where he was detained a Prisoner untill the 20th Day of September, A D. 1778;—That during this Period your Memorialist had scarce any Allowances from the Continent & none from this State, & your Memorialist is led to suppose that the Reason of his being neglected by said State was, that thro' Mistake he was never returned as belonging to the said State;—That your Memorialist was detained in New-York five Weeks after he was exchanged, for Want of Money to discharge his Billet, having had no Remittances for that Purpose;—That after your Memorialist was permitted to leave New-York, (having previously been obliged to hire the Money to discharge his Billet) he was under a Necessity of taking a Journey to Philadelphia to procure said Money to be granted & remitted by the Honorable Continental Congress, which Journey cost him much time & nearly all the Money he had before received, which was seven hundred Dollars on Accompt.—And your Memorialist would also humbly represent in Behalf of himself & Samuel Silsby, Daniel Griswold & William Haywood, Soldiers from said State in the Corps commanded by your Memorialist, that your Memorialist & the aforesaid Soldiers were considerable Sufferers, by loosing several things at the time of their Captivity & by Expences afterwards arising from Sickness, the necessary Charges of getting Home & loss of time afterwards, as will more fully appear from the Accompt herewith transmitted.—Wherefore your Memorialist in Behalf of himself & the aforesaid Samuel Silsby, Daniel Griswold and William Haywood, humbly prays this honorable Court to take the foregoing Memorial & Representation together with the Accompt herewith transmitted into their wise Consideration

and act thereon as they in their Wisdom shall see just & proper; —and your Memorialist as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.—

Lemuel Holmes Capt

[R. 4-62] [*Petition of Thomas Dodge, Soldier, 1783.*]

Humby Shews,

Thomas Dodge, that in the year 1777, he inlisted into the continental service for three years, for the Town of Surry in the county of Cheshire, and received from Said Town, a Bounty of one hundred Dollars; that he served during the whole term; and when he applied to the treasury of this State, for his Wages, the receipt he had given The Town of Surry for said Bounty was lodged against him, and reducted out of his Wages--Your Petitioner therefore prays, that this Assembly will take his case into consideration, and make an order to The Town of Surry to refund said hundred Dollars, or grant such other relief in the premises, as to this hon^ble^ Court shall seem expedient and proper—and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Charlestown N° 4 Octr 24th 1783—

Thomas Dodge

[R. 4-63] [*Petition of Lemuel Holmes, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, 1782.*]

Humbly Sheweth

The petition and memorial of Lemuel Holmes—of Surry in said State—that on the first day of January seventeen hundred seventy six—your petitioner engaged as Lieutenant for the term of one year in the service of this and the United States—and on the sixteenth day of November following was taken prisoner at fort Washington—That previous to the captivity of your petitioner (viz) on the first of september the same Year—I had an appointment by his Excellency Genl Washington to the office of Captain—That by being made prisoner, your petitioner was prevented receiving a commission agreable to such appointment—but was however returned and exchanged as such—after having continued prisoner in New York almost two years—That when released your petitioner immediately applied to the Congress for direction and settlement of my accounts—and there received a small sum in Continental money on account—and was directed by Congress to apply to the state to which I belonged for a settlement of the whole—That your pe-

titioner in consequence applied to the hon. Assembly of this State about two years since—but by a multiplicity of business or some other cause to me unknown—my said application was and has been since neglected—whereby a settlement of my accounts has never yet been effected nor any sufficient payment or compensation rendered for the services and sufferings of your petitioner—That more over your petitioner hath been informed that Congress ordered some allowance to be made to those super-numerary Officers who returned home—

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your honors will take the several matters herein before suggested into serious consideration—and point out some eligible method for a speedy settlement of my accounts—and whereby I may obtain the balance in my favor without greater cost and trouble—And that in the mean time your honors would direct and order a reasonable sum for my present relief and support—Or other wise grant such relief and direction in the premises—as to your honors in wisdom may seem best.—

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Lem^ll Holmes

Dated at Concord this 13th June 1782—

[In H. of Rep., June 14, 1782, he was granted an allowance of £30, "hard money."—Ed.]

[R. 4-65] [*Petition of Lemuel Holmes, 1794.*]

To the Honourable General Court of the State of New Hampshire convened at Amherst on the first Wednesday of June 1794

The petition of Lemuel Holmes for himself and Samuel Silsby Niles Beckwith, William Hayward & Daniel Griswold all of the State afforesaid and County of Cheshire who are yet Living who were taken prisoners at fort Washington in the Year 1776 with your petitioners that Belonged to the State of Newhampshire and who have Never had any Compensation for the time they were prisoners nor the Loss of their Baggage and arms and what is infinitely wors the Loss of their health and Constitutions: altho their accompts with mine were Considered by our Committee and Sent forward to Congress but were with many other State accompts not Considered So that we your petitioners are without any Redress unless your Honours will pleas to interpose in our Behalf and make a Grant of So much of the unlocated Lands in Said State as your Honours in Your Wisdom may think Reasonable under Such Restrictions as to Setling as may Seem best for the State

and I Your humble petitioner will be under Such obligations to Survey and Settle Said Lands in Behalf of them as Shall be Reasonable as Your petitioner has a Number of Sons who would Settle Said Lands which might be of Some Servis to the State but would Satisfy your petitioner that the State for which he has undergon too many hardships to mention think that his friends feel for his Misfortunes and will Compensate for his Losses

and your petitioner as in Duty bound will pray

Surry June ye 2^d 1794.

Lemuel Holmes

[Hon. Lemuel Holmes was lieutenant in a company of rangers from January 1, 1776, until the first of September following, when he was appointed captain by Gen. Washington. On the 16th of November next following he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington and carried to New York, where he remained in captivity until September 20, 1778. He was town-clerk of Surry for some years, and represented Gilsum and Surry in the H. of Rep., in 1784–86, 1789–92. He was elected a member of the governor's council in 1790, and held the office four years; was a judge of the court of common pleas for the county of Cheshire until 1808, at which time he was debarred from holding the office any longer by reason of having arrived at the age of seventy years. He lived for some years at the foot of Bald hill in Surry, and is described as being an agreeable and courteous gentleman, of strict integrity, and a prominent man in his day. Subsequently he removed to Vermont, and there died.—Ed.]

[10–157] [*Relative to the collection of Beef for the Army, 1786.*]

Mr Speeker Sir Whereas Co^l Gideon of Exeter Was appointed a Collector of Beef for the year 1780 and under him John Mellen Esqr Collector for the County of Cheshire S^d Mellen did in the year 1780 Collect 739 lb of Beef more than he Recepted for to Co^l Gideons and Because S^d Returns do not agree with the Return on the Book the Treasurer Cant Credet the Town of Surry for any Part of the Beef which was Delivered to S^d Mellen therefore it is Motioned that the House Give orders that the Treasurer Receive Said Recepts and Credet the Town of

Surry for the Same which the Treasurer is Ready to do upon Receiving the order

Portsmouth Feby ye 22 1786 Lemuel Holmes

Surry, Capt Giddings returned 2600^lb^ Beef

[10–158] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

A Return of the Male inhabitants of the Town of Surry of Twenty one years of age and upwards pay each one for himself a Poll-Tax

Eighty two

By order of the Select-men

Lemu^ll^ Holmes Town Clerk

[10–159] [*Relative to date of Annual Meeting: addressed to the Council and H. of Rep., 1784.*]

Humbly sheweth your Petitioners Thomas Harvey Joshua Fuller and William Barran Selectmen for the Town of Surry for the year 1783 That whereas the Holding of Annuel Meetings on the Last Tuesdays of March is attended by many inconveniencies, in consequence of the new Constitution taking place and the inconveniency of Holding it by adjournment by reason of its being so late in the Month

Therefore, We your Petitioners pray that if your Honours see fit would appoint the Annual Meeting to be held earlier in the Month of March for the Future

As in Duty Bound will ever pray

Lem^ll^ Holmes Town Clerk by order of the Selectmen

Surry March 24th 1784

[By an act passed April 13, 1784, the time for holding the annual meeting was changed from the last Tuesday of March, to the first Monday in the same month.—Ed.]

[10–160] [*Date of Annual Meeting changed, 1785.*]

State of New Hamp^r^

In the House of Representatives Feb^u^ 23^d^ 1785

Whereas in and by an Act passed the 13th of April A. D. 1784 it is Enacted that the Annual Meeting in the Town of

Surry shall be held on the first Monday in March annually, but as the Inhabitants have not had Notice thereof, and the said first Monday so nigh that Legal notice cannot be given of the business necessary to be transacted at said Meeting—Therefore—

Resolved that the Meeting for the Present year be held on the fourth Tuesday of March next and that the present Select men give notice in the usual manner of the time place & Design of Said Meeting and the Officers chosen at said Meeting are to give notice that the annual meeting of said Town is to be held on the first monday in March annually in future—

Sent up for Concurrence

Geo: Atkinson Speaker

In Senate the same day read & Concurred

E Thompson Sec

[10-161] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to work a Silver Mine, 1786.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that they have Discovered a place in Surry in the county of Cheshire, where they Are persuaded there is a Valuable Silver Mine. that they Wish to make an Experiment of the worth and Quantity of said Mine, that by the best computation they can make, it will cost three or four thousand Dollars, before they can reap any considerable advantage therefrom, that they conceive it would be a very considerable advantage to the Publick, should they succede to their Reasonable expectation, in opening said Mine, that it will be extremely Difficult, if not impossible for them, to advance the necessary Expences for effecting the Same Experiment. that Encouraged by your Honours known Wisdom and Public Spirit; the Prayer of your Petitioners is that they or others as your Honors shall see fit may be Authorised by the help of a Publick Lottery for that purpose, to raise the sum of two thousand Dollars, or any other Sum that your Honours shall see fit, to assist them in opening the same, and they as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Feby 1st 1786

Jed^{h} Sanger
Joseph Blake
Wm Russell
} Committee in behalf of the Owners of said Mine

[10–162] [*Remonstrance against the Incorporation of a Baptist Society, 1800.*]

We a Committee being appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Surry at a legal Meeting October 11, 1800, to remonstrate against the prayer of the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants living in the southwest part of said Surry that they with others may be incorporated into a Religious Society to be called and known by the Name of the first Baptist Society in Westmoreland, beg Leave to state

First, That the Town of Surry is but a very small Incorporation and have not one Inhabitant to spare without injuring said Town, there being not more than 80 Freeholders therein

Secondly, Those petitioning Inhabitants are not more than three and a half and some not more than two Miles from the Meetinghouse in said Surry

Thirdly, In their petition they have stil'd themselves professors of Religion by the Denomination of Baptists, and to say the Truth, we are obliged to say, that not one of those petitioners belonging to Surry ever made any Profession of Religion of any Denomination that we know of, especially, Baptist—and we declare that whenever any or all of them shall have made a Publick Profession of Religion of any Denomination whatever contrary to our Denomination we will agreeably to the Constitution freely relinquish all Right of Taxing such Professors to the Support of our Minister

Fourthly, We doubt in our minds whether the Motive of their thus petitioning is not more to answer sinister Views, such as forming a Center to advance private property and continue small Disputes than to promote Harmony and good Order

Lemuel Holmes
John Stiles
Jona^t Robinson
Nathan Howard
} Committee

[10–164] [*Consent of sundry Persons to foregoing.*]

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, Inhabitants of the Town of Surry hereby give our Consent to the Remonstrance of a Committee appointed by said Town against the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants thereof, with others praying to be incorporated into a Baptist Society as in our minds we doubt the Sincerity of some of those Petitioners belonging to said Surry and that they do not duly consider the Consequence of an Incorporation

Lemuel Holmes	Jonathan Skinner	Cushman Smith
Nathan Howard	Obadiah Willcox	Asahel Harvey
Abia Crane	Moses Field	John Stiles
Philip Monro	Asa Willcox	thos Harvey
Jonathan Smith	Daniel Smith	Cyrus Harvey
Ichabod Smith	Asa Holmes	Eli Dort
Sylvester Skinner	Calvin Hayward	Jona[t] Robinson
Abner Skinner	Jn[o] McCurdy	
Eldad Skinner	Levi Fuller	

[The society mentioned in the foregoing was incorporated December 10, 1800, and comprised persons from the towns of Surry, Walpole, Westmoreland, and Keene.—Ed.]

SUTTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors in 1749, and was called Perrys-town, from Obadiah Perry, one of the original proprietors. The town was incorporated by the legislature April 13, 1784, and named Sutton.

June 18, 1795, an act was passed authorizing the assessment of a special tax of three cents per acre on all the lands in town except public lands and "eighteen shares reserved by the Masonian proprietors" for the purpose of building a meeting-house.

Sutton contained 130 inhabitants in 1775, and 520 in 1790.

David Peaslee, who settled in this town in 1767, found traces of an Indian settlement on the west side of Kezar's pond, where implements of Indian manufacture have since been found.

Jonathan Harvey was a member of the state senate from 1816 to 1823.

Silas Russell was in the 1st N. H. Regiment, enlisted April, 1780, and was discharged December, 1781.

[R. 4-67] [*Sutton Soldiers, 1777.*]

Benj[a] Critchet & John Watts has Inlisted in Cap[t] fairwells Company & in Co[l] Starks Ridg[t] in the State of Newhampshir for three yeare—

the above Names is for Parrystown

[R. 4-68] [*Assistance to Soldier's Family.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough

Parsuant to an order from the General Court to the Selectmen of Perrystown to mak the bill of suply for the woman that thare Husbands was in the Contanantal Armey for three ye^r and During the Warr

March 27th 1781 Supplied the famly of Benjn Critchets who was during the warr in the Present year L. M. 8-5-0

March 29th 1782 Supplyed the famly of Benjn Critchet During warr man in the Present yeare L. M. 25-10-0—Sum total 33-15-0

the above famely was left in varry Poor Surcomstances as to the Nesercys of life

A true Coppey Etest

Matthew Harvey } Selectmen
Ephraim Gile } for
william Presey } Perrystown

Perreystown Septr 22—1783.

[Superscribed] on Public Servise to the Committee of Claims at Exeter

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[10-165] [*Petition for an Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

A petition of the inhabitance of a place Cald Parreystown in the State of New Hampshire and County of Hillsborough Humbly Prays: for that Body of Land Call^d Parreystown bounded agreeable to the Charter of said Land may be incorporated into a Town with all the previledges of other Towns in this State by the Name of Sutton the disadvantages that we the Inhabitants labor under for want of Town previledges in making and repaireing of Highways and many other disadvantages two Numerous to be menchoned Causes us to pray for to be incorporated for which faver we as in Duty Bound for you shall ever pray—

Parreystown May 21 : 1783

Matthew Harvy } Select men for
Ephrim Gile } Perreystown

Willm Presey	Bengman Phelbreck	John davies
david gill	Jacob masten	James Gillinham
Benj^a Wadley	Robert Heath	Thomas Wadley
Peter Peaslee	beniamin Heath	Isac Peasley
moses Camley	Hesekiah Parker	Ezekil Heath

Samuel been	Jesse Parker	Jeremiah daveis
Benjamin Critchet	Jonathan Davis	Joseph wodley
Lenard Colborn	David Eaton	Johnathon Keaser
David peaslee	Ruben Clough	Ezra Jones
Samuel Andrew	Eliphlet Cheneny	Jonathan Robey
Daniel messer	Thom^{s} Walker	James King
Jacob Davis	Jacob daveis	Jonathan Stephens
Ebn^{r} Keeser	Aaron davies	Ruben gile

[The town was incorporated April 13, 1784, by its present name.—Ed.]

[10-166] [*Benjamin Wadleigh recommended for a Justice of the Peace, 1786.*]

We your Pertishenors Humbly shueth that as we are Distitute of a Justice of the Peace with us theirefore your Humble Pitishenors Humbly pray that you wood take it into your wise Consideration and appoint m^{r} Benjamin wodly for oure Justice in this town for us that Sivel authority may be Kept up—

In wittness ware off we have Subcrib^{d} our Names—

Sutton Jenuary 26th 1786

Matthew Harvey	Hezekiah Parker	Lenard Colborn
Sam^{ll} Bean	Silas Busel	moses Davis
Daniel Messer	Joseph wodly	Thom^{s} messer
David Eaton	Jonathan Stevens	Benjn Chrichet
Willam Presey	Ezekiel Heath	Jonath^{n} Page
Asa Nelson	Eben^{r} Kezer	Timothy Peaslee
Isaac Peaslee	francis Como	Abraham Peslee
Thom^{s} Mastian	David Gile	Caleb Kimball

[10-168] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to fix Uncertain Bounds, 1794: addressed to the General Court.*]

Your Petitioners Humbly sheweth that thay are owners of land in the town of Sutton part of that tract of Land that was Laid out by the proprietors of s^{d} town for the grantors of said Sutton being about five miles on the Earsterly Line of the town and Extending west on said town one mile but was not bounded altho said Lots was Pland and Drawn and the old proprietors are maney of them Decesed and there proprietors meetings are all Decesd also there fore your petitioners Know no way that

thay Can have there Land bounded or Know where there Land Lyes there fore your petitioners prays that the Honorable Court wod take there Case in to ther wise Consideration and appoint them a Committee to Run out said Land and Bound the same according to the Charter and Plan of said town on the Petitioners Cost and as in Dutey bound will Ever Pray—

Caleb Kimbell	Oliver French	Samuel Kinrick
Ezekiel Flanders	Beni^{n} wiliam	Beniamin Kindrck
Jacob masten	thomas walker	thomas Rowel
John Eaton	Gorge walker	Jonathan Rowel
hazekier Parker	Jonathan Colborn	
Green French Jun	Dudley Kindrick	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 10, 1794, a committee was appointed, consisting of Henry Gerrish, James Flanders, and Aaron Greeley. The senate did not concur.—Ed.]

[10-169] [*Petition for Appointment of a Committee to fix Bounds for Certain Rights, 1795.*]

The petition of the Subscribers humbly shew, that they are owners in a tract of Land in Sutton, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, which was reserved by the proprietors of said Sutton, to make Eighteen Rights, for the grantees of said Sutton according to the Charter of said Town being about Seven Miles and one quarter of a Mile one way and about One Mile the other way, the proprietors left the Land for said Eighteen Shares or rights but did not make any bounds to the same, but planned said Land & drew each man his Right, & since that your petitioners have purchased some of said Land, & the proprietors meetings are all done & the old proprietors are many of them Dead & there is no way that your petitioners can tell where their Land lays—

Therefore your petitioners humbly prays that the Honble Court would take their case into their Wise Consideration & appoint them a committee of One Surveyor & Two Chainmen to run out said Eighteen Rights by metes and bounds, according to the Charter of said Town of Sutton, at the Cost of your petitioners & we as in duty bound will ever pray—

Sutton Jany 1st 1795.

Caleb Kimball	Benjamin Williams	Samuel Kenrick
Oliver French	Dudley Kenrick	Jonathan Stevens
Jonathan Rowell	Jonathan Colbarn	Eph^{m} Morrill

Thomas Rowell	Joseph Flanders	Trustum Stevens
Thomas Wadleigh	Ezekiel Flanders	Caleb Kimball J[r]
David Coborn		

SWANZEY.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts to Nathaniel Hammond and sixty-three others in 1734, and was called Lower Ashuelot. The first proprietors' meeting was held at Concord, Mass., June 27, 1734. A church was formed; and Rev. Timothy Harrington, a graduate of Harvard college in 1737, was ordained Nov. 4, 1741. In 1747, in consequence of the withdrawal of the guards at Fort Dummer and elsewhere on the frontier, the inhabitants were obliged to leave this settlement and return to Massachusetts; and at Rutland, in that province, the church held a meeting, Oct. 12, 1748, and granted Mr. Harrington a dismissal.

The settlers returned to Lower Ashuelot about three years after leaving it, and commenced anew. In 1753 they employed Col. William Symes to apply to the government of New Hampshire for a grant of the territory and an incorporation of the town. The grant was made July 2, of that year, to Nathaniel Hammond and sixty-one others, and incorporated into a town by the name of Swanzey. One of the grantees was Cæsar Freeman, from whom came the name of Mount Cæsar. The name of the town occurs four times in the record of the charter, and is spelled Swansey in two instances, and Swanzey in the other two. It came from Swansey, Mass., whence came some of the first settlers, and that town was named from Swansea, Wales. The church again organized, and Rev. Ezra Carpenter settled as pastor, Oct. 4, 1753. He was appointed chaplain of the Crown Point expedition in 1757.

On the receipt of the news of the battle at Lexington, of April 19, 1775, the men of Swanzey rallied and marched at daybreak on the 21st to the number of sixty-two, under the command of Col. Joseph Hammond, who was chosen captain for the occasion. Twenty-two of these men enlisted for eight months, and the remainder returned home at the end of thirteen days. At the battle of Bunker Hill, B. Parker

and Thomas Green were wounded—the former mortally. Jonathan Whitcomb commanded a company in Stark's regiment, and Dr. Calvin Frink was surgeon of the same regiment. Corporal Joseph Hammond was in Whitcomb's company. He was one of the men who marched on the 21st of April, and was with his company at Winter Hill, Sept. 11, 1775.

Samuel Wright was appointed first lieutenant in Capt. Gregg's company, Scammell's regiment, April 4, 1777.

Swanzey men in First N. H. regiment:

Joel Andrews, enlisted May 12, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1780.

Corp. John Cross, enlisted Jan. 1, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1781.

William Frankford, enlisted Jan. 9, 1778; died April 17, 1779.

Silas Simonds, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Levi Simonds, enlisted Feb. 13, 1778; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Joseph Tucker, enlisted Feb. 3, 1778; discharged December, 1780.

Sergt. Amasa Parker and Solomon Hazeltine were in Capt. Benjamin Ellis's company in 1781, and in the First N. H. regiment in 1782.

Joseph Hammond was lieutenant-colonel of Ashley's regiment, and marched with the regiment on the second "Ticonderoga alarm," but being too old for active service he resigned his commission June 14, 1779. He was, however, employed in various ways during the war, acting as mustering officer, and at times in charge of the transportation of supplies to the army at Ticonderoga, etc.

December 11, 1762. a triangular tract of land was severed from Richmond and annexed to this town.

By an act approved Jan. 8, 1794, some territory was severed from the north-east part of the town, and annexed to Marlborough.

December 10, 1812, Thomas Thompson and Thomas Thompson, Jr., with their estates, were severed from this town and annexed to Keene.

A tract was severed from Swanzey June 23, 1815, combined with portions of other towns and erected into the town of Troy.

December 15, 1842, another small tract was severed from this town and annexed to Marlborough.

[10–170] [*Fort Dummer Committee, 1744.*]

These may Certify, That we the Subscribers, Being Chosen by the Inhabitants of Winchester, Lower Ashuelot, Upper-Ashuelot and N° Two to Meet at Fort Dummer on the 20th Day of March 1744 to Act in their Name and Behalf, what we may Judge Expedient Respecting Preferring a Petition or Petitions for help and Protection in this Time of Danger, Have Determined That the Matter be left with Coll° Josiah Willard Esqr Coll° Ebenr Hinsdell Esqr, Major Josiah Willard Esqr the Revd Mr Joseph Ashley, Capt James Heaton, and Capt William Symes, to Determine when and in what Manner a Petition or Petitions Shall be Preferred and also which Two of them Shall Prefer the Same, as Witness our hands

Nathl Hammond	Thomas Cresson	thomas chamberlin
Jeremiah Hall	Jethro Wheeler	Ebenezer Force
William Symes	Simon Willard	

[Nathaniel Hammond was a descendant of Thomas of Lavenham, county Suffolk, Eng., whose son William married Elisabeth Penn, June 9, 1605, and came to Watertown, Mass., prior to 1634. His wife came in the ship "Francis," and joined him that year, bringing three of their children, Elizabeth, Sarah, and John. They had nine children in all, of whom the fifth was a son named Thomas, who was baptized Sept. 17, 1618, and was grandfather of Nathaniel, who signed the foregoing report.

Nathaniel Hammond was one of the first settlers of this town, was the father of Col. Joseph, and the ancestor of the Swanzey and Gilsum Hammonds.—Ed.]

[R. 4–69] [*Petition of Timothy Harvey, Soldier, 1778.*]

Whearas Your Petetioner on the 5th Day of march 1776 Inlisted into the Contental Service for the Expedition to Canada Under the Command of Capt Wait in Col Bedles Regement and Marchd to Canada and being Ordered into a Company Commanded by Capt Esterbrooks we Marchd to the Cedars where Your Petetioner Among the rest was Deliv'd up to the Enemy by which means your Petetioner Suffered Greatly and had the

following Articles taken from me by the Indians viz a Gun & Bayonet, which then Cost me Three pounds: also a Belt and Bullet pouch 8s/ a Cartridge Box 5s/6 one Woolen Shirt 12s/ 1 pr shoes 8s/6 1 pr Leggins 5s/ 1 Good Blanket 15s/ a Large Powder horn 2s/6d 1 Tomahawk 2s/5—Said Articles Amounting in the Whole to £5-18-11d-0 and I would humbly pray your honours to make as much Allowance to your Pettetioner as you Shall think Just also that the Above Articles would as Money now is Cost more than Three Times the Sum as Aforesaid—which if your Honours please to Grant Your pettetioner as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Timothy Harvey

Swanzey Febr 5th 1778

[10-171] [*Lieut. Col. Joseph Hammond's Resignation, 1779.*]

Swanzey June 14th 1779

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire

Gentlemen

I Beg leave to Inform you that it is my Earnest Desire to Resign the Trust Reposed in me as a Lieut Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire and I do now by these Presents make a full Resignation of the Said Trust and office of Lieut. Colonel, and pray that the Same may be Ratified by the Honorable General Court—

I have the Honor to be your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Joseph Hammond Lieut Colo

To the Hon Meshech Weare Esqr to be communicated to the Hon. Gen: Assembly

State of New Hampr In the House of Representatives June 18th: 1779—

Voted. That the resignation of Lieut Coll Joseph Hammond as Lieutenant Colonel of the sixth Regiment of Militia in this State be and hereby is accepted, & that he receive the thanks of this house for his good services in that Station

Sent up for Concurrence—

John Dudley—Speaker pro tem

In Council June 19th 1779 read and Concurred

E Thomposn Secry

[R. 4-70] [*Relative to Moses Belding, Soldier, 1778.*]

Swanzey, State of New-Hampshire Aug. 17th 1778

This may Certify whom it may concern that Lieut. Moses Belding in the Continental Service has been in a bad state of Health since he had the small Pox whereby he has been Disenabled from Returning to his Regiment and has been ever since that time under my care in the Medical way

Per Calvin Frink Physician

[R. 4-71] [*Soldier's Certificate, 1781.*]

This may Certify that Noah Parkis Hath Due on my Role for his Service at the Northard last year Seven Hundred and Six pounds ten Shillings Contiantalmoney which was made up only at Sixty Seven for one of Two pounds pr month for a private

Ephraim Stone

Keen August 10th 1781

To the Town of Swanzey or whom it may Consern

[The name should be Noah Parkhurst.—Ed.]

[R. 4-72] [*Petition from some Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, Dec., 1782.*]

The Petition of Antipas How, Andrew Nichols and Joshua Jewett Prime all of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire in the state of New-Hampshire—

Humbly sheweth

That your petitioners, did in the Year of our Lord 1779 Inlist as private Soldiers in the Continental Service, for one Year then next ensuing, and did Actually and faithfully perform one Years Service in the present War, and were Discharged from said service in June 1780, for which said Service your Petitioners have never yet Received any wages, either from the Continent or this state, and we Humbly apprehend that we are Justly entitled to a Reward for our services equal to others in the same predicament—

your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that this Honorable Court would take the Premises into their consideration, and

grant us your Petitioners such a Competent Reward for our said services as in your Wisdom you shall think proper—

And as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Antipas How
Andrew Nichols
Joshua Jewett Prime

[R. 4-73] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1784.*]

Swanzey October 15th 1784

To the Paymaster of the State of New Hampshire

Sir—Please to pay to Mjr Elisha Whitcomb all the Wages and Depreciation that is due to me for My Servise in the Continental Army in the Years 1777 & 1778 and his Receipt Shall be a Discharge from me in full

Moses Belding

[He was a lieutenant in Capt. William Ellis's company, Scammell's regiment, and was discharged Sept. 1, 1778. In H. of Rep., October 10, 1784, his pay was made up to that date.—Ed.]

[R. 4-76]

Swanzey October 1784.

To the Paymaster of the State of New-Hampshire,

please to pay to Mjr Elisha Whitcomb the whole of the wages that is due to Noah Parkhurst for his Servise in Capt Stone's Company, at Coos, for the Term of Six Months; and his Receipt Shall be a Discherge in full from

James Adams Administrator

Attest Isaac Hammond

£10. 19. 11

[R. 4-77] [*Thomas Green, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

The petition of Thomas Green of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire in said state—

Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner in the Year 1775 at the Commencement of Hostilities between Great Britain and America Inlisted as a private Soldier in defence of his Country in Capt Scotts Company, and Col Stark's Regiment, and that on the Memorable 17th of June 1775 your Petitioner was called to Action at Bun-

kers-Hill, in which Battle he Received a Wound by a Musket Ball entering his Left Shoulder, whereby he was for a long time totally Disabled from any Labour, and is to this Day unable to do much Hard Labour, and having no other means of Subsistance for himself and Family but by Husbandry, & on a new Tract of Land, renders his Worldly Circumstances very Indigent—

Your Petitioner some Years since made Application to the Genearal Court of this state, and was allowed Wages as a Garrison Soldier for one year but being in Paper Currency and not received till some considerable Time afterwards was of very little Value by reason of Depreciation, since that Time your Petitioner has been (as he is informed) struck out of the List of such Soldiers which Received pay as fit for Garrison Duty—while others in like Circumstances still Receive something from the state, as a Compensation for their past Sufferings

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays that your Honors would take the matter into consideration and Grant him such Releif as in your Wisdom you shall think proper—

And as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Thoˢ Green

Swanzey June 11 1785

State of New-Hampshire, Swanzey June 11th 1785

We the Subscribers, do hereby Certify that the above said Thomas Green was wounded at the Battle of Bunkers Hill in the Year 1775, and that the wound he then Received is now broke open and become a Running Ulcer, and would Humbly Recomend him as an Object Worthy of the Hon. the General Courts Attention—

Elkanah Lane } Selectmen
Elisha Scott } of Swanzey
Calvin Frink Surgeon

[In H. of Rep., June 16, 1785, *Voted*, that he be allowed eighteen shillings per month until further orders.—Ed.]

[10–172] [*Petition of Joseph Hammond: addressed to the General Court, Dec. 13, 1786.*]

The Petition of Joseph Hammond of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire Gentleman, Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner (on the Twenty first Day of April 1775) was Chosen Captain of the Company of Meletia in Swanzey and on said Day Marched the Greater part of Said Company (viz)

one Lieutennant one Ensign 4 Sergents 4 Corporals and 52 Privats—In Defence of the Country against the British Troops your Petitioner and his Company Marched to Cambridge where we ware Stationed for one Week and until properly discharged. of Said Company there was 22 Men who Inlisted for Eight Months and drew pay from their first Marching but the whole of Said Company who did not Inlist altho they ware in the Service of the State 13 Days and Cheafly on their own expence have never yet Received any Reward for said Service

your Petitioner therefore in behalf of himself and his Men Most Humbly prays this Hon^bl Body to take the Matter into their Wise consideration and Grant both him and them a Reward for their Service equal to what others have had for like Servises

and as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Joseph Hammond Capt

[10–173] [*Selectmen's Statement of Affairs: addressed to the General Court, 1781.*]

The Selectmen of the town of Swanzey in behalf of themselves and the Town Humbly shew—

That under the Present unhappy Situation of our affairs in this part of the State, when most in many and many in all the Towns have Revolted from under the Government and Jurisdiction of the State, bidding defiance to the Authority and Laws of the same; Absolutely Refusing to pay Taxes, or to contribute any thing in any way or manner towards Raising men for the Continental Army or Providing Supplies for the same—We find it Extreemly Difficult for us to Comply with the Requisitions of the State for altho' the greatest part of the People in this Town Remain firm in their Allegiance to the state; Utterly averse to the late and present factious and Seditious conduct of a great (if not the greatest) part of the People in this Western part of the State, Yet our affairs are extreemly Embarrassed, for if Taxes are Assessed they cannot be Collected, as some will Refuse to pay, and if Constables or Collectors should Distrain Such Delinquents for their Rates, mobs would Arise, and perhaps the power of the State of Vermont would be employed for their protection—

We have exerted ourselves as much as we could in order to Raise our Quota of Men for the Continental Army and Also for Six Months, but have not been able to compleat the former, nor to Raise any part of the latter, which Inability is owing principally if not Solely to the confused Situation of this part of the

State: And unless Something can be done for our Assistance it will be Absolutely Impossible for us to Raise Men or money for the Service of the State—

We consider ourselves as Subjects of the state of New Hampshire, and are firmly Resolved to persist in our Allegiance, and expect the protection of the State, without which we shall not be able to stand against the opposition that will be made—

We Humbly pray that your Honors would take the matter into your Wise consideration, and make Such provision for our protection and Safety as that we may not be Obliged to Yield to unreasonable men and Measures—

Thoˢ Applin
Calvin Frink
Elijah Belding
Isaac Hammond
Elisha Whitcomb
} Selectmen of Swanzey

Swanzey June 9th 1781

[R. 4-79] [*Dispute concerning Amasa Parker, 1786.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire in Said State

Humbly Sheweth

That whereas there has heretofore Arisen a Dispute Between the Towns of Swanzey and Winchester concerning Amasa Parker a Man who has been a Soldier in the Continental Army in the late War, and whereas the Said Town of Winchester Claims the said Amasa Parker as a Man Inlisted for one of Said Towns quota of Men for Said Service, which your Petitioners Humbly conceive is an unjust Claim, as the Said Amasa was an Inhabitant of and Hired into Said Service by the Town of Swanzey During the War. Your Petitioners conceive that the said Town of Winchester has no just Right to any Allowance for said Parkers Service in said War, which your Petitioners expect they are able to prove and verify. Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that this Honorable Body would take the Premises into your Consideration and Allow the whole of said Parkers Service to the Town of Swanzey—

And as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Henry Morse
Elkanah Lane junr
} Selectmen of Swanzey

[R. 4-80] [*Winchester claims Amasa Parker.*]

The Petition of Simon Willard in behalf of the town of Winchester Humbly Shows that Amasa Parker and Sam^ll Epison and Moses Powers Was hired into the Continantal Sarvice by the town of Winchester Which they have not been Credited for, and for Which Reason their is Extants against the town for Defisiency of Soalders and your Petitioner Prays your Honours to take his Case into your Wise Consideration and Alow the town of Winchester Credit for those three men on their Extant that is against them or grant them Such Releafe as your honours Shall in your Wisdom See fit

As in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Simon Willard

Winchester January 24: 1786

[R. 4-81] [*Parker's Receipt for Bounty.*]

I reec^d of Jonathan Whitcomb three pound Lawful Money as a hire for Inlesting During the wor In the firs^t New Hampshare Reg^t and Do promis to Sarve for the Town of Swanzey During Said Term—

Amasa Parker Serg^t

Jany 15th 1780—

[R. 4-82] [*Deposition concerning a Soldier.*]

I William Temple of Lawfull age tistifye and Sai that in the year 1779 I wen into the Contanental Servis as Solder and that Sam^ll Epperson was hired by the Town of Winchester at the Same time and went into the Servic with me and was in the Servic a Cording to the Best of my Remembrance Six month and then went into Col^l Hasons Reg^t as I afterwards under Stood

William Temple

[Sworn to Feb. 3, 1786, before Reuben Alexander.—Ed.]

[R. 4-83] [*Certificate of the Muster Master.*]

Walpole March 16th 1778

This may certify that Amasa Parker, Pelatiah Razey and

John Woolley have been Mustered and entered upon the Rolls for the Town of Winchester

Pr Tho Sparhawk M. Master

Amasa Parker
John Woolley
pelatiah Rezy

[Said Parker enlisted in Capt. Wm. Ellis's Co. Feb. 28, 1778, during the war. In H. of Rep., March 2, 1786, it was decided that he should be credited to Swanzey. At the same time Moses Powers was credited to Winchester. —Ed.]

[R. 4-86] [*Jonathan Woodcock, Soldier.*]

These may Certify whome it may concern, that we the Subscribers, being a Committee appointed by the Town of Swanzey, to procure Soldiers for the Continental Army, in the Yer 1778, did agree with Mr Jonathan Woodcock, to Inlist into Said Army for the Term of two Years, from Some time in February 1778 and we never agreed with, or Engaged him for any longer Time

Samuel Hills } Committee
Joseph Hammond }

[Sworn to before Calvin Frink, Jan. 30, 1786.]

[R. 4-88] [*Deposition relative to Jonathan Woodcock.*]

I Moses Belding of Swanzey of Lawful Age do Testify and say—That I was a Leu^t in the Continental Army and was at home in February in the Year 1778 to Collect Recrutes for the Service in which Time I went with a number of Soldiers newly Inlisted (Some by my Self and others by Capt William Ellis) to have them Mustered at Walpole all of which was Inlisted for the Term of two Years only amongst Said Soldiers was Jonathan Woodcock of Swanzey Said Jonathan Woodcock was Inlisted by the S^d Capt Wm Ellis, and I have often heard the Said Capt Ellis Say that he Inlisted the said Woodcock to Serve the Term of two Years and no longer and further Saith not

Moses Belding

[Sworn to before Calvin Frink, Jan. 30, 1786.—Ed.]

[R. 4-89] [*Relative to Bounties paid to Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Swanzey in said State

Humbly Sheweth

That in the time of the late war with Great Britain the Town of Swanzey was called on by the Legislature of this State for their Quota of Men for the Continental Army and in the Year 1782 the said Town Hired John Nicholson and John Bemas for said Service During the war, and the said Men were Accepted by the Committee of Safety of this State as part of said Town's Quota of Soldiers for said Service, but the Committee on Claims Refused to Certify that the Bounty was due to the s^d^ Town as Promised by An Act of the General Court by reason of the said Men's not being Mustered in this State, which Bounty the said Town has never yet received nor any part thereof—Your Petitioners therefore in Behalf of said Town Humbly pray that your Honours would take the aforesaid matter into your consideration and Grant the said Bounties with the Interest thereon to the said Town of Swanzey—

And as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Calvin Frink
Isaac Hammond
Joseph Dickinson
} Selectmen of Swanzey

[The town was allowed £20 for Nicholson.—Ed.]

[R. 4-91] [*Certificate relative to foregoing.*]

Exeter Feby 4, 1788—

It appears by the Books that John Nicholson & John Bemis were allowed by the Committee of Safety as Soldiers for the Town of Swanzey in the Year 1782 It does not appear by any Books or returns when they were musterd

J Gilman

[R. 4-92] [*Deposition relative to foregoing.*]

I Solomon Hazeltine of Lawful Age Testify and say that I was a Soldier in the Continental Service in the late War, and I was well knowing that one John Bemas was a Soldier in said Service in Capt Benjamin Ellis's Company and Col. Dearborn's Regiment which said Bemas I was inform'd was inlisted during

the War and I understood that he was return'd for the Town of Swanzey in the State of New-Hampshire

And farther saith not

Solomon Hazeltine

[Sworn to before Calvin Frink, Jan. 14, 1788.—Ed.]

[R. 4-93]

[Jonathan Wooley stated that he was in Capt. Wm. Ellis's company in 1777, and was wounded in a battle with Burgoyne's troops, October 7th. He was pensioned, but removing to Thomlinson, Vt., in 1787; had not received anything for four years. He asked to have his arrearages made up to him.—Ed.]

[10-174] [*Bill for pasturing Government Cattle.*]

Swanzey December 20th 1789

Capt John Jannison Collecter of Beef Dr to the Selectmen of Swanzey for Pasturing Beef Cattel as followeth (viz)

For pasturing thirty one Head of Beef cattel from the 16th Day of July till the 7th of September being Seven Weeks and four Days at nine pence pr Head pr week—	£8-16-4
For pasturing Nine head 2 weaks and four Days (viz) from the Seventh of Septr till the 25 Do—	0-16-6
For Pasturing thirty two Head from the 25 of Septr till the 11th of Octr being two weeks and two Days—	0-14-9
For Pasturing Twenty two Head of Beef Cattel from the 11th of Octr till the first Day of Novemr being three weeks—	2- 9-6
For keeping one Beef Creture from the first Day of Novr till the 16th of December being Six weeks at 9d pr week	0- 4-6
	13- 1-7

Joseph Dickinson
David Belding Junr
Calvin Frink
} Selectmen of Swanzey

[10-175] [*Vote relative to Articles of Confederation.*]

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Swanzey Octr 13th 1783

Voted With Respect to the Proposed Alteration of the Eighth Article of the Confederation of the United States it is the Opinion of this Town that each State Ought to be Taxed in proportion to the Wealth of each State, but whether Numbering the Persons or taking the Value of the Land According to Any mode of Valuation that is Practicable be the best way to Ascertain the Wealth of each State we are by no means Able to Determine: and do therefore confide in the Wisdom and Justice of the Legislature of this State to Act in that Respect as they shall think most Just and Equitable—

Extract from the Minutes

Attest Calvin Frink Town Clerk

[10-176] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Swanzey December 10th 1783

We the Subscribers do hereby Certify that According to the Best of our knowledge there is in the Town of Swanzey one Hundred and Eighty two Male Polls of Twenty one Years of Age and upwards paying for themselves a Poll Tax—

Isaac Hammond } Selectmen
David Belding Junr } of Swanzey

[Sworn to before C. Frink, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[10-177] [*Relative to Beef Tax, 1784: addressed to the General Court, February, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Swanzey in said state for the Year 1784

Humbly sheweth

That whereas in the Year 1781 the General Court of this State Ordered and directed the Selectmen of said Swanzey. to Assess the Inhabitants of said Town, their Quota of Beef for the Continental Army, which was accordingly done, and the greatest part of said Beef was paid by said Inhabitants, Yet some were delinquent Refusing to pay their State Tax, Occasioned principally by the Union of the Grants (so called) with

Vermont by reason of which, agreably to an Act of the General Court said Swanzey was Ordered to pay the Deficiency of said Tax and a fine for their Delinquency, both of which amounting to £137 which the Treasurer of this State by his Warrant directed to the Selectmen of said Town has ordered to be Assessed, which has not yet been complied with Because your petitioners think it very unjust to Assess Levy and Collect the aforesaid Sum of those Persons who paid their Tax in due Time and your Petitioners have no Warrant to Assess said Sum on those that were Delinquent, and dare not venture to Assess said Sum either on the whole or part of the Inhabitants, lest it should make great confusion, murmuring and Complaining among the People of Said Town—Your Petitioners therefore, most Humbly and earnestly pray that this Honorable Body would take the above stated Case into their Serious consideration and make such Order thereon, as in their Wisdom they shall think most Just and Equitable—

And as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

David Belding } Selectmen and Assessors
Isaac Hammond } of Swanzey

[10-178] [*Relative to Beef Tax: addressed to the General Court, December 13, 1786.*]

The Selectmen of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire humbly beg leave to lay before this Honourable Body their Embarrassments as to Assessing the Doomage for this Towns Deficiency of Beef in the Year 1781—your Petitioners immediately on Receiving Orders for collecting Said Beef, Assessed the Inhabitents of Swanzey, Seting the Beef at twenty Seven Shillings p^r Hundred weight, and as your Petitioners ware Sensible of the Importance of the Order of Court being complied with, they exarted themselves and Collected a considerable part of the Beef by the Set time; and would undoubtedly Collected the whole, had it not been for a number of Political Heriticks in this and Adjacent Towns, who by their Instigations and artful insinuations Shook the Allegiancy (of the ignorant and unprincipaled part of the community) from the State of New Hampshire and Attached them to the usurped State of Vermont and the Imbecillity of Government was so great at that Day that your Petitioners thought it not wise to compel or use Coercive measures with those who would not freely pay their proportion of Said tax, and Since the Energy of Government has increased, and this Town has been caled upon to pay Said Tax with a Doomage, the Selectmen have taken up the Matter, and finde

it Difficult if not Impossable to make an Assessment for said Doomage in any way which will not blow up an unquenchable fire in this Town—for if we Should Assess it on the Delinquants only, who in Justice Ought to pay the Same we Should in so doing do injustice for a Number of said Delinquants are Removed out of this Town and consiquently out of the Reach of an Assessment: and should an Assessment be made on the whole Town, it would be to make the Righteous be as the Wicked which the Patriarch of the Hebrews Saith is far from the Almighty

Your Petitioners therefore most Humbly pray this Honourable Body to take the Matter into their wise Consideration and either except of the twenty Seven Shillings on the Hundred weight which is already Assessed and which may be Collected without Deficulty; or Direct Your Petitioners in what manner to proceed that they may escape the Publick Odium

And as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Isaac Hammond } Selectmen
Calvin Frink } of Swanzey

[In H. of Rep., January 16, 1787, voted that "as there is great difficulty respecting the assessment for the deficiency of Beef in the Town of Swanzey the Treasurer be directed, so far as respects said Beef Tax, to stay the Extent against said Town until the first Wednesday of June next."—Ed.]

[10–179] [*Instructions to Representative relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire and State of New-Hampshire August 28th 1786—

Voted to Choose a Committee to give instructions to the Representative of said Town, for the Rule of Conduct, at the next Session of the General Court Respecting the Emission of paper Money

To Mr Abraham Randall Representative of the Town of Swanzey—

Sir Your constituents Reposing confidence in your integrity, ability, and Zeal for the publick good, Chose you to Represent them in the General Assembly of this State the present year—This is a Day we are sensible when the greatest Wisdom, patriotism firmness, Unanimity Publick Spirit and freedom, detached from Selfish and Mercenary views are requisite, and ought to be the governing principles in all our Publick Coun-

cils—We therefore having a Constitutional Right so to do, think it expedient to express our Sentiments to you respecting our distressed Situation for want of a Circulating Medium, We therefore instruct you to use your influence in the Assembly, that as soon as may be, there be an Emission of paper Currency, as being in Our Opinion the best, Remedy left us, for Releif, and it is the minds of your constituents, that, the Emission of paper Currency, be applied Solely for the purpose of Redeeming the State Securities, which we conceive will be a great easment, by stopping the interest of those Securities, but we mean not to dictate the General Court but only to hint our desires, confiding in the Wisdom of the Legislature of this state, if they shall see fit to Issue a paper Medium, that it be Emitted on such foundation as they shall think best for the Community—

Henry Morse } Committee in the
David Belding Junr } Name and behalf of the Town

[For legislative action, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

[10–183] [*Petition from Sundry Inhabitants to be annexed to Marlborough, 1793.*]

We the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the Town of Swanzey. Humbly Sheweth, That we live in a remote corner of said Town of Swanzey about five miles & a half from the Centre of said Town which is attended with great difficulty for us to attend public Worship as well as other public meetings, and we can be much better accommodated by being annexed to the Town of Marlborough, the distance being but about two miles & one quarter to the Meeting-house, and as we have got the consent of the Town of Swanzey as your honours will be favourd with attested by the Town Clerk, and also the Vote of the Town of Marlborough to receive us. We therefore pray your Hon^rs that we may be taken from the Town of Swanzey and annexed to the Town of Marlborough & your Petitioners in Duty Bound will ever pray—

John Harvey
Kimber Harvey
Samuel Stearns
Timothy Harvey

Swanzey May ye 29th 1793

State of New Hampshire—

At a Legal meeting of the Town of Marlborough on the 13th

Day of March 1792—On the Petition of John Harvey and others of Swanzey praying to be annexed to the Town of Marlborough,

Voted to receive them,

this Copied from the Town Records—

Marlborough May 29th AD 1793

Ebenezer Temple Town Clerk

We the Subscribers in behalf of the Town of Marlborough pray your Honours that the prayer of the Petitioners may be granted—

Reuben Ward
Andrew Phillips } Select men of Marlborough
Moses Tucker

[10–181] [*Consent of Swanzey to foregoing.*]

State of New-Hampshire

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Swanzey on the fifth Day of March A D. 1793—

Whereas Mr John Harvey and others Inhabitants of Swanzey have requested the Town that they would vote that they and their lands may be annexed to the Town of Marlborough, Repsenting that they live much more convenient to Marlborough Meeting house than to Swanzey & The Town having considered of the said request think the same to be reasonable,—Therefore

Voted That Messrs John Harvey, Kimber Harvey and Samuel Stearns, and the lands whereon they dwell and the lands belonging to Mr Timothy Harvey, be set off from the Town of Swanzey and Annexed to the Town of Marlborough, said Tract of land lies in the Northeastwardly part of Said Swanzey, and is the most Northwardly point of that gore of Land which was sett off from Richmond to Swanzey, and is bounded as follows viz. beginning at a heap of Stones being the Southeast corner of the Town of Keene then runs on said Keene West 8 degrees North 32 rods to the Old corner of Swanzey, then runs South 34 degrees West on Swanzey Old line 418 rods to a White pine tree, then runs East 20 degrees 30 Minutes South, on Common Land, 212 rods to a stake and stones in the patent line, then runs on the patent line North 9 degrees 30 m East 418 rods to the first mentioned Corner containing Three Hundred and five Acres—

A True Copy

Attest Calvin Frink Town Clerk

Swanzey March 11th 1793—

[The petition was granted, the territory set off, and annexed to Marlborough January 8, 1794.—Ed.]

[10–184 is a plan of the land set off.—Ed.]

TAMWORTH.

The township was granted October 14, 1766, to Lieut. John Webster and others in sixty-eight equal shares. At that time the south line of the town was the "supposed head line of Mason's Patent;" but the "curve line," as established subsequently, crosses the north-west corner, taking in the entire town. William Eastman, Richard Jackman, David Philbrick, and Jonathan Choate were the first settlers in 1771. Governor Wentworth's reservation was in the south-west corner of the town.

A committee was appointed by the legislature, February 22, 1785, to establish the line between this town and Sandwich. The committee's decision was to be final.

January 10, 1796, a committee was appointed to fix the lines between this town and the towns of Burton and Eaton. The decision was to be final.

The matter came up again, however, and another committee was appointed December 23, 1808, to establish the lines between the towns of Sandwich, Tamworth, Eaton, and Burton, and report to the legislature.

By an act approved January 13, 1837, some territory was severed from Ossipee and annexed to this town; and the same was severed from Tamworth and annexed to Ossipee June 25, 1859.

[10–185] [*Answer to Sandwich Petition relative to Illegal Election of Representative, 1776.*]

The joint & seperate Answer of the Subscribers, legal Inhabitants paying Tax, in the Towns of Moultonborough & Tamworth in S^d^ State; unto a certain Petition, Memorial & Remonstrance, of the Inhabitants of Sandwich now filed on the Records of this Honble Court,—Unto which Remonstrance we hum-

bly pray this our Answer & Depositions in Support thereof may be annexed as part & parcel of the same Record, in & by which Answer we your Respondents humbly shew, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Sandwich aforesaid is a false and Scandalous Libel against many Respectable Inhabitants of Moultonb^o & Tamworth aforesaid as well as against the Gentleman they have chosen to represent them in this Honble Court— ; & that the same was apparently fabricated as a base & insidious Subterfuge to cover the Perfidy of the Select Men of said Sandwich, who after it was publickly known & even acknowledged by themselves, that Jonathan Moulton Esqr was legally & fairly chosen to represent said Towns in general Assembly, did nevertheless afterwards refuse to make a true & proper Return upon their Precept, in Order to deprive the said Moulton of a Seat in this Honble House, as well as to deprive the Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Tamworth, of the Right of Representation so precious to Americans & even of acting their own Minds as free Agents which God & Nature has given evry Man.—

Wherefore the Subscribers as aforesaid Shew, & in Answer to the several particulars assignd as Reasons in the said Libel furthermore say.—

1st That the said Moulton is possessed of a large Interest in s^d Towns of more than five times the Value of the Estates of all the Inhabitants of said Sandwich & has many Country Seats within said Towns of Moultonborough & Tamworth at which he usually resides much of his Time.—

2^ly We deny that said Moulton or any of his Friends made any Entertainments or distributed any Victuals or Liqors with the least View of obtaining Votes for him ; But on the close of the Day of Election the Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Tamworth being from their own Homes, procured such Refreshment as they wanted at their own Cost & Charge, in a Sober & peacible Manner—And the whole Business of the Day & proceeding Evening was Calm & without any other Bussle than the Select Men of Sandwich made by themselves by putting one another under Arrest for Misbehavour—

3^ly We say that exclusive of all Proxies or seald Votes from absent persons, there were a majority of seven Voters present for Col^o Moulton and no Objection made at that Time to the legallity of any of them & therefore there was no Occasion to make Use of any absent persons Votes, which were sent in because a like practice was made Use of last Year, when one of said Select Men of Sandwich was elected Representative—

4^ly We say that no person to our Knowledge from by or for said Moulton ever procured or offered any Vote or Proxy from any person, who did not order, consent & assent thereunto—

5ly We say the Moderator of said Meeting never appeared so friendly to sd Moulton as even to put in any Vote himself, much more to shew any partiality to his Cause, neither was the Meeting dissolved untill the Choice was fairly declared & even acquiesced in by the select Men of Sandwich themselves—

All which we are ready to aver & prove—and humbly beg liberty to thank this Honble Court for the Liberty granted us of another Choice, which we doubt not will decide the Matter now in Contest but as the same Difficulty is ever likely to remain, so long as any Captious select men of Sandwich, find themselves dissapointed in their own ambitious Views—that we may be further relieved according to Equity & good Conscience, We humbly pray the Interposition of this Honble Court, and that those Officious select men of Sandwich may be reprimanded for their aforesaid Conduct for the following among other Reasons—

First, Because we humbly conceive it to be altogether unreasonable—that when a free people have made a free Choice of their Representative, that it shoud ever be in the Power of any person who may have Influence enough to cajole or Intimidate any weak select men & thereby deprive such Representative of his seat & such free People of their Priviledges—

2ly Because if when any person has been once fairley elected a Member of this Honble Court by any Town—If it is in the power of the Minority or any litigious person in sd Town to have a New Election when & as often as they please, there are too many such persons to be found in every Town, who woud gladly have Elections Time after Time untill they cou'd crawl in themselves—

3ly Because, tho' your Honours have granted us Liberty to manifest our Opinion of the said Election by a new Choice, yet the aforesaid Libel remains on file to the great prejudice of many of your present petitioners whose Characters are therein impeached

And that this our Answer to the same Libel of them the Inhabitants of said Sandwich may remain as aforesaid on the Files of this Honble Court—And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Moultonborough Decr 31 1776

Ebenezer Cowles	James Flagg	Joseph Richardson
Abiael Stevens	Ebenr Blake	Bradbury Richardson
Phinehas Stevens	Benja Kimball	David Bean
David Folsom	Jona Philbrick	Obadiah Brown
Nathaniel Ambos	Jona Chevit	Amos Whipple
James Brown	Stephen mason	Ebenezer meloon
James Jackson	Daniel Ames	

Elias Smith
Jonathan Moulton
Nathan Hoit
Joseph Chandler
Stephen Adams
James mason
Phinehas Graves
Sam[ll] Kalley
Jacob Brown
John glines
William Page
Nathan[l] Shannon
W[m] his mark × Vittum
William Evans
John his mark × Wallace

James his mark × Danforth
Ephraim Hacket
Timothy Medar
John Sanderson
Ebenezer Clarke
Amos sanborn
Achra Penniman
Jona Penniman
Ezekiel moulton
Obadiah Dudy
Alexader magoon
Enoch Blake
Israel Glines
Enoch sanderson
Richard ——
James Head

Jonathan Burges
menoer Elles
Joshua nickerson Juner
William Plaisted
Levi Drew
Elisha Cumings
John Boynton
Isaac Cummings
James Gorden
Simeon ——
Samel alles
Sanborn his mark × Chandler
Ephraim Drake
William Vittum Jun

[See Sandwich papers, *ante*.—Ed.]

[10–186] [*Relative to State Tax, 1778.*]

To the Hon[ble] Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened—

The petition William Eastman, Timothy Medar Bradbury Jewell, Select Men of Tamworth, for and in behalf of said Town Humbly shew, that in the Year 1777—when the Inventory of this Town was sent to the General Court, there were the following Persons and their Estates inventoried Viz[t] Joshua Nickerson, Joshua Nickerson Jun[r] Reuben Nickerson, Daniel Ames, Daniel Ames Jun[r] Jon[a] Burges, James Danforth, Menoah Ellis and John Cooley—which persons lived without the Lines of Tamworth, upon a Grant of Land granted to Jonathan Moulton Esq[r] which persons in our said Inventory were expressed as such, but as the said persons were settled for Tamworth, always called and reckond as such the General Court included them in the proportion of Taxes for this Town, agreeable to which the Select-Men of Tamworth rated them for their equal proportion of the State Tax for the Years 1777, and 1778—which amounted to Twenty Three pounds Twelve Shillings, and duly called upon those persons for the same by the Collector of this Town, which they refused to pay alledging that they cou'd not legally be obliged to pay it, which we humbly conceive to be the Case as the Land whereon those persons live, has for about one Year past been incorporated into the Town of Moultonborough, and as Moultonborough's proportion of Tax has not been enlarged

on Account of those persons, since the said Incorporation, the Select Men of Moultonborough have not called upon them for the State Tax or any other Tax whatever—so that their falling into Moultonborough cannot be urged as a reasonable Excuse for their not paying the Taxes here inasmuch as they are not called upon by any other place than this Town to pay Taxes—We do aver that the abovenamed persons were rated no more than their just proportion of the Tax agreeable to an Inventory given to the Select Men by themselves—As it woud be a great Hardship to the Inhabitants of this Town to pay the Tax for the abovenamed persons as well as their own Taxes we humbly pray your Honble Court either to Discount the said sum of £23, 12s on our State Tax the current Year, or fully enable this Town to collect the same of the said Joshua Nickerson, Joshua Nickerson Junr Reuben Nickerson, Daniel Ames, Daniel Ames Junr Jonathan Burges, James Danforth, Menoah Ellis and John Crowley, and that a just Deduction in our proportion of Taxes for Time to come be made on Account of the aforesaid persons falling without this Town into the Town of Moultonough & your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Tamworth 31st Octr 1778—

william Eastman } Selectmen
Timothy Medar } of
Bradbury Jewell } Tamworth

[10–188] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Tamworth 8th of December 1783

Pursuant to an act of the general assembley of this State Directed to us the Select men of S^d tamworth to Return an account of all the male Polls of twenty one years old & upwards Paying a Poole tax for themselves, within said town have taken an Exact account thereof—and find them to be fifty three

David Gilman } Select
Timothy Medar } men

[Sworn to before D. Beede, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[R. 4–94] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

To the Paymaster of Capt Jacob Smiths Company of Militia in the year 1781—

Sir Please to pay Ben. I. Gilman or order all that is due to

me I having been a Soldier in the aforesaid Company for the Town of Tamworth—Value Rec^d Witness my hand

Joseph Eaton Keniston

Attest Moses Jewett 19 Jany. £6–2–0

[R. 4–95] To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sr Please to Pay William Eastman all the wages that is Due to me for six months service in the Contenantal army, as a Privat Solder in Col^o Reads Rig^t & Capt Dustens Company, his Receipt shall be a full Discharge from your humble Servant—

Tamworth 12th June 1784

Attest Nicholas his + mark Kinestone

David Gilman William Easman

[R. 4–96] Tamworth June 23th 1784

To the paymaster of the New Hampshire Six Months Men for the year 1780—For Value rec^d please to pay Mr Joseph S. Gilman or order all the Wages, Bounty, Interest or whatever may be due to me for my services—I having been a six Months Man for the Town of New market in the year 1780.

Witness my Hand David his × mark Kinerson

Witness Israel Gilman David Jewett

[R. 4–97] [*Certificate of Bounty Paid.*]

Exeter April 24th 1786

The Bounty advanced by the Town of Tamworth to Joseph Ames a Soldier for one year in 1779 is £7, 10—, which has been deducted from his depreciation—

Josiah Gilman Jur.
one of the Committee

[10–191] [*Selectmen's Statement relative to Taxation, etc., 1793.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of Tamworth humbly sheweth, that whareas your petitioners are now called upon to return an inventory in order for a new proportion—but the unsattled

situation of affairs in the Town renders it impossible for us to make an inventory with any correctness, the lines of the Town being unsettled lays s^d^ Town under many disadvantages,—when the last valuation was taken about one quarter part of our inhabatants on the east part of the Town petitioned the General Court that they might pay taxes to Eaton until the lines of the Towns whare sattled, and s^d^ Court for reasons unknoun to us, set of s^d^ petitioners which consisted of one mile and a half from us and put them to Eaton, without giving us an opportunity of shewing cause if any we had why the prayer of S^d^ petitioners should not be granted, which we sopose very singular:—the above being taken from us, leaves us but four and a half miles East and West in stead of Six, as may be made to appear by the plan of the Town, and as the s^d^ Town the last year was at a great expence in sattleing a minister, and are now at a further expence in building a house for public worship, your honours may naturaly sopose that s^d^ Town stands in need of all its inhabitants—we therefore humbly pray s^d^ Town may have the privelidge of their former inhabetants until s^d^ lines are sattled, or be inlarged some other way—and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Tamworth May 28th 1793

Benjn Gilman
Edward Hayford } Select Men
George Dodge

[10-193] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to settle disputed Lines: addressed to the General Court, June, 1796.*]

Humbly Sheweth Thomas Cogswell, Thomas Leavitt, John Hale and Bradbury Cilley Agents for and in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Tamworth and Winthrop Smart Jacob Blasdel and John Banfill, Agents for and in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Eaton, And Moses Center Henry Weed and Orlando Weed, Agents for And in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Burton, all in the State of New Hampshire,—That on the 14th of October A D 1766 the Township of Tamworth was Granted And Soon after the Township of Eaton was Granted to Join on the East Side of Tamworth and Burton on the North That various disputes have Arissen on the part of Eaton relative to the East line of Tamworth, and on the North by Burton relative to the North line of Tamworth, that it Appearing to your Petitioners there is Land

Sufficient to Complet the above mentioned Grants, According to the true intent and Meaning of the Same, And from a Desier to put an end to Altercation and Lawsuits, we have agreed to lay our paypers and Evidences before the Hono^ble Simeon Olcot of Charlestown, John Peirce of Portsmouth Esquires, in the State of New Hampshire and Josiah Little of Newbury in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire; And in case of the refusel or Death of either of those Men, then Russell Freeman Esquire of Hanover to be Joined, Shall bee a Committee to fix the Line on the East between Tamworth and Eaton, and on the North between Tamworth and Burton, And the Report of them or Any two of them Lodged in the Secretary's office of this State, within the time hereafter limited shall be final and conclusive between the parties, and we do further Agree that fourteen days Notice given to the proprietors Clerk of the Townships of Tamworth Eaton and Burton or to one of the Agents within Named for Each of those Towns of the time and place of the Setting of the said Committee on the business, shall be Sufficient Notice, and if either party Neglect to Appear there to proceed Ex parte—and we do further agree to Petition this Hono^ble Court to impower Said Committee to transact the business, and, twelve month's be allowed from the passing the Act, for the Completion of the Same—In Compliance with which Agreement your Petitioners beag leave to bring in a bill to impower the Said Committee to Assertain and fix said Lines under the restrictions aforesaid and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Thomas Cogswell	Jacob Blasdel	Henry Weed
Thomas Leavitt	Winthrop Smart	moses Senter
Bradbury Cilley	John Banfill	Orlando Weed

[The committee was appointed June 11, 1796, and consisted of Simeon Olcott, Josiah Little, and Russell Freeman. See following documents.—Ed.]

[10–192] [*Directions to Col. Gerrish to perambulate the Line between Tamworth and Eaton, 1796.*]

To Col. Henry Gerish Esqr

Sir

By agreement & consent of Parties you are appointed Surveyor to take a Survey of the boundary line between the Townships of Tamworth & Eaton, being the East line of Tamworth & west line of Eaton you are to begin at a Pitchpine Tree marked with six notches, which Stands on the Patent line so called

about one mile East of Bearcamp River so called, being the Southly corner between Tamworth & Eaton and from thence to extend a North line between Tamworth & Eaton untill Six miles are compleated where you are to erect a good & Sufficient Monument or land make—

And from thince are to extend a line due West, between Tamworth & Burton untill it Shall intersect the East line of Sandwich addition, so called, where you are to affix a Monument or landmake as above—

You will appoint Two good & qualified Chainmen who Shall be Sworn to a faithfull discharge of their duty & trust

You will notify the Agents of the Townships Tamworth—Eaton & Burton when you Shall make s^d^ Survey—

You will Compleat s^d^ Survey & make a return thereof, on Oath to me the Subscriber Chairman of the Com^tee^ for Setling the boundary lines between s^d^ Tamworth Eaton & Burton—on or before the first Day of March next—

You are to expect your pay and reward for s^d^ Services from the Agents of the Township of Tamworth—

Concord 15th Decr 1796

Per order Sim. Olcott Chair^n^

[*Col. Gerrish's Return.*]

Pursuant to the within appointment I Notified the Agents of Tamworth—Eaton & Burton to meet me on the 21 Day of December Instant at the within mentioned pitch pine tree with Six notches, at the above time & place there met me Hon^bl^ Thomas Cogswell Esqr Agent for Tamworth Jacob Blasdel Esqr and Maj^r^ Winthrop Smart Agents for Eaton and Mr Henry Weed agent for Burton, By mutual agreement of parties Col^o^ Nathan Hoit was appointed to Carry the fore end of the Chain and my Self the hind End of the Chain after being Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of our trust we began at the aforsaid Pitch pine tree mark^d^ with Six notches and thence measured upon an old Line which was then agreed to by the parties which runs North one Degree and about twenty five minits West by the needle Six Miles to a beech tree about Seven Inches Diamiter which we Spotted on four Sides for the Northeast Corner of Tamworth which tree is also marked with the Letters H. G—N. H & T. C & Dated it Decr 22^d^ 1796 and drove a Cent into the westerly Side of Said tree, from thence I run and Spotted a line West one Degree and about twenty five Minits South Which makes it a right Angle with the old line, until I came to the line of Sandwich Addition where I set up a Stake for the Northwest Corner of Tamworth Said Stake is Spotted & mark^d^ with the Letters T C. about Eight feet Southeasterly from Said Stake I

also Spotted a red Burch tree which is about Eleven Inches Diameter which I marked with the letters H G—T C & I G & Drove a copper into the Side of Said tree facing the Bounds—

Tamworth Decr 24th 1796

Henry Gerrish Surveyer

TEMPLE.

The township embraced several tracts of land granted to individuals by the government of Massachusetts prior to 1740. The territory was granted by the Masonian Proprietors in November, 1750, with the usual reservations. For some years it was called Peterborough Slip, and included the present town of Sharon.

The town was incorporated August 26, 1768, and included one tier of lots on the west side of Wilton, and the easterly portion of what was priorly known as Peterborough Slip, or Sliptown, and was named for Hon. John Temple. Ephraim Heald was authorized to call the first town meeting, which duty he performed, and the meeting was held at the house of Zedekiah Drury, October 10, 1768.

A dispute concerning a strip of land between this town and New Ipswich resulted in favor of Temple.

By an act passed January 12, 1781, a tract of land containing about 400 acres, lying north of this town, called Borland's farm, was annexed to Temple.

January 29, 1789, some territory was severed from the south-east corner of Peterborough, and annexed to this town.

By an act approved June 11, 1796, a considerable tract of land was severed from Lyndeborough, and annexed to Temple.

Gen. Francis Blood was a prominent man during the Revolution. He was a member of the H. of Rep. in 1777, and on September 27 of that year was appointed commissary to attend a guard sent to conduct prisoners of war to Portsmouth. He was appointed January 27, 1781, one of the two "collectors general of beef" for the army; member of the council in 1784, and of the senate 1784–'85; judge of the court of common pleas, and held numerous offices in

town. He was born in Concord, Mass., March 18, 1735, O. S., and died in 1814.

[10–196] [*Vote relative to the Incorporation of the Town, 1768.*]

att a meeting of The proprities of peterborough slip Legaly Called For that purpos Voted By S^d^ proprietors To Divide The Township at the Line Between The fifteenth & Sixteenth Teer of Lots & Voted By S^d^ proprietors to Git in Corporated Chose Francis Blood John Marshall & Ephraim Heald as a Committee To Git it Done

25 January 1768

a Trew Coppy Errors Exsepted

Ebenezer Drury propr^s^ Clarke

[10–197] [*Sundry Inhabitants of Wilton consent to join.*]

We The In Habitants of The west Side of wilton in S^d^ province are willing To Be annexed To The East part of peterborough Slip

Wilton April 27—1768

Robert Mann	William Felten
James mansur	Stephen Putnam
Stephen farnam	William mansur
William Thomson	

[10–198] [*Petition of sundry persons relative to Separation: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

The Humble petetion of the Inhabitants of a place Called peterboroughslip on the west Side of the Mountains in S^d^ Town Ship Whereas we Cannot Be aComodated to Settle the publick Worship of God with The Inhabitants on the East Side of the Mountains By Reason of Sd Mountains

& Their Being in Corporated will Brake our Charter So that we Cannot Raise money to make & Repair Roads Where fore we Humbly pray your Excellency and Honours that we May By a Special act Be Inabled From Time To time Raise Such Sums as Shall Be Nessasery to make & Repair Roads in S^d^

peterboroughslip on the west Side of the Mountains & we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray & : C :

April 18 day 1768

John M^c^allaster	David m^c^allaster
Thomas Morison	Peter m^c^Allaster
William Jack	William m^c^Allaster
John Thom	David Moors
andrew m^c^allaster	James M^c^Alister

[10–199] [*Petition of a Committee to have the Town incorporated: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

We the Inhabitants of a place Called Peterborough-Slip in S^d^ province Humbly petetion your Excellency and Honours That where as The Monadnucks Mountains Runs a Cross our Township which is Impractable For Roads So That we Cannot Settle The publick Worship of God on one side of the Mountains so as to aComodate the other side of the Mountains where fore we Humbley pray That we May Be InVested with Town prevelidges To The following Bounds: To Witt Be Gining att peterborough Southeast Corner Running west on s^d^ peterborough Line Til it Comes to a Beech Tree marked Being the Northwest Corner of The Lott N^o^ Eleven in The Eighth Range of Lots in S^d^ peterboroughslip Then Running South Between the Eleventh & Twelveth Lots on a Line marked on the pinnacle of The Mountains til it Comes to the North west Corner of the Lot Eleven in the Sixth Range Still Running on the pinnacle of the Mountain Through the Lots Twelve in the Sixth and fifth Ranges on a Line marked to a Spruce Tree Being the North west Corner of the Lot Twelve in the Fourth Range Still Running on the pinnacle of the Mountain Through the Lots thirteen in the fourth Range and fourteen & fifteen in the Third Range on a Line marked on the pinnacle of the Mountains to a white maple att the foot of the Mountain Called and Known By The Name of Moffets Tree Then Runing west about fifteen Rods to the west Line of the Lot Fifteen in the second Range Then Runing South on S^d^ Line to New Ipswitch North Line Then Runing a bout East on New Ipswich North Line To the Southeast Corner of S^d^ petersboroughSlip Still Runing East on wilton South Line the Length of Two Lots Then Runing North Between the Eighth & Nineth Ranges of Lots in S^d^ wilton inCludeing Two Teer of Lots to Linds Borough South Line Then Runing West on wilton North Line and peterborough Slip North Line To peterborough East Line Then Runing South on peterborough East Line to the South East Corner first men-

tioned—all So we Humbley pray your Excellency & Honours That the Loss of Wilton may Be maid up To Them By your annexing a Tract of Land To Them on the East Side of wilton Called & Known By The Name of The Mild Slip and we in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray: &: C peterboroughslip: 11: April 1768

Francis Blood
John Marshall } Committee
Ephraim Heald

[10–200] [*Statement of Wilton Proceedings, 1768.*]

Wilton June ye 9 day 1768 this Day it Being Town meeting att wilton & we the Subscribers attended where was the Committee from peterboroughSlip to se wheather the Town of wilton would Vote to ReCeive the East part of peterboroughSlip or Give them haf a mild of wilton & when we Came to that article mr Butterfield who was moderator would not Call for a Vote on it But Said we will aJorn the meeting til ye 7 of July which he did the Committee a fore Sd Deziered a Coppy of their proceedings But Could not obtain it

William mansur

test
Stephen Putnam
his
Alexander θ Milliken
mark

[10–201] [*Relative to a Road over the Mountains.*]

June ye 10th 1768

This Day Capt Ephraim Heald of Peterborough Slip made Applecation to us the Subscribers in behalf of the Inhabitants Living on the East of the Mountain in Said Township, in order to view the Mountain, to See if there could be a Road over to Accomadate the people on the west side of Said Mountain to Congregate with the people on the East—accordingly we went with him and three men Inhabeting near the Mountain went with us over the Mountain where they all Judge is the only place where a Road could be made. We give it as our Judgment that there cannot be a road over the Mountain that will accomadate to Treavil in with any Conveniency

Benjamin Adams Ephraim Adams Isaac Appleton

[10–203] [*Another Opinion relative to the Road.*]

PeterboroughSlip June 8th 1768

Whereas we the Subscribers being Desired by the Inhabitants of wilton to Vew the Mountain to See if their Could be a Passable Horse Road over the Said mountain and upon our Vewing the Same it is our Humble opinon that their may be upon Proper Serch and Vew a Very Comfortabel Passing over the Same on Horse Back From the west Side to the East Side to the meeting House Spot in Said PeterbourougSlip—

pr us Thomes moreson
John Swan Jur

[10–202] [*Committee's Statement relative to foregoing.*]

Portsmouth June 11th 1768

Wheras we the Subscribers being Agents appointed to Carry on the Affair For Peterbourough Slip & wilton Relative to their Pettetion Have agreed to Leave the whole Affair to His Excellency and Counsel to Do as they in their Wisdom and Prudence Shall think Best Praying Further oppertunity to Lodge Such Papers as to Give your Excellency & Honours Further Light as witness our Hands Prvided Such Papers are filed before the Day appointed for the Governr & Councils Determination

agent For PerterbourougSlip Ephraim Heald
agents For Wilton— Joseph Butterfield
James Dascombe

[10–205] [*Petition from Wilton: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

We the inHabitants of wilton Humbley petion your ExCelency & Honours that The East part of peterboroughSlip May Be anexed To wilton & InCorporated in to one Town with us & we in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray &C

Wilton June the 10 day 1768

William mansur Ebenezer Perry
James mansur Jonas Perry
Abijah Perry Alexander his ○ mark Milliken
Stephen far nam

[10–208] [*Remonstrance from the Inhabitants of Wilton: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

May it please your Excellency and Hon^{rs} We the Inhabitants of Wilton in said Province are Notified by m^{r} Sec^{ry} Atkinson, that the Inhabitants of Peterborough Slip have lately petition'd your Excellency and Hon^{rs} for a Charter of incorporation granting Town priviledges &^{c} with Addition of one mile in wedth & the Length of the Town to be taken off from the Town of Wilton, and Added to Peterbo^{r} Slip: in Consideration whereof a Slip to be Added on the Opposite part of the Town &c.

That we may shew cause if any we have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. Therefore we take liberty to say, that the Scituation and Circumstance of the said Peterb^{o} Slip was know by the late Govr & Councel at the Time said Wilton was incorporated; Notwithstanding saw fit to incorporate Wilton for a Certain Limmited Term according to its present form, and at the end of said Term granted an other Charter of the like Contents (which were Costly things to us) Add to this the purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq; patent fix'd the boundaries of said Wilton as it is now held by Charter, and we have a meeting house in the Center of the Town very well Scituated, have been at Large Expence in Making highways to the same, and during the late War, many of us suffered largely, Yet being Encouraged by having our Town Continued in its present form surmounted those Difficulties; and have found means of late to defrey part of the Public Charge of the province for which reasons among many others that may be offered by our Agent, are humbly of Opinion that the prayer of the petition above refer'd to ought not to be granted but if it should be thought otherwise, We beg leave to suggest further that the Design of Granting an incorporation to us, which was to promot Good order, and encourage the Cultivation of our Lands will be greatly retarded, that we shall be thrown into the utmost Confusion and Disorder about our meeting house, Bridges and highways &c Indeed our Brethern of Peterb^{o} Slip seem Concious to themselves that taking a Part from us on the west will be Detrimental to us and therefore propose to have the mile Slip Added on the East to make amends, but we humbly beg and pray, that if any part of our Town must be taken from us that there may not be any Added to us on the Easterly part, which Cannot lessen but must Augment our Difficulty—Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} will reflect upon the premises and do as Your wisdom and prudence shall Direct—And we as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Wilton April 27, 1768

Joseph Holt	Jotham maynard	Richard Whitney
Philip Putnam	James Brown junr	John Steel
Willm Peirce	George Coburn	Josiah Parker
Richard Taylor	Jeremiah Holt	Thomas Richerdson
Ephriam Butterfield	Jonathan Greele	Joseph Stiles
James Brown	George Lancey	Joseph Snow
Nathan Blanchard	Stephen Butterfield	Benjamin parker
Nathan Abbot	John Burton	Nathaniel Greele
John Dale	Amos Butterfield	Stephen Buss
Timothy Gray	Zela Holt	Benja Rideout
Uriah Bolton	Abijah Perry	Joseph Holt Junr
Jacob Putnam	Nathan Ballard	Jno Burton Junr
Jonathan Cram	John Brown	Jno Cumings
Timothy Dale	Jeremiah Abbot	Joseph Putnam
Nathaiel Putnam	Abiel Abbot	William Felton
Oliver Holt	James Maxwell	John Burton
David Kenney	John Holt	amos fuller
Jonathan Burton	Abner Stiles	John Cram Junr
Simon Keyes	Amos Holt	Stephen Putnam

[10–206 and 207 are plans of the territory in controversy, one of which is supposed to be allotted plan of Wilton.—Ed.]

[10–195] [*Petition of Inhabitants for Incorporation, 1768.*]

To His Excellency Governor Wentworth and His Majestys Councel in the Province of New Hampshier—

Where as the Monadnock Mountains Runs a Crost our Township of peterboroughslip wich is Impracticable for Roads so that we Cannot be acomadated to settle the publick worship of God so as to be Conveanant for the Inhabetents on both sides of the Mountains we the Inhabitants on the East side of the Mountains Humbly pray your Excellency and Honours that we may Have part of wilton anexed to us or that we may be anexed to wilton from the penicle of the mountains a Greable to the Bounds set forth in the petition laid before your Excellency and Honours by our Committee the fourth of may Last and we in duty Bound shall Ever pray &C—

Peterborough Slip June 10th 1768

Zedekiah drury	Jonathan Blood Jur	Albe Serverance
Thomas marshall	Joseph Heald	John Cutler
Seth Cobb	Jonathan Drury	John Cutler Junr

Benj[a] Cutter
Jonathan Drury Juner
Joseph richerd sen
John marshall
Ebenezer Drury
Francis Blood
Zacheus Richardson
Oliver Heald
Josiah Robins
Artemas Maynard
John Maynard
Stephen Cobb
Eldad Spafford
Petter Heald
Zedekiah Drury Juner
Nathan Drury
Garshom Drury
thomas Drury
Stephen parlin
John Heald
Zechariah Emery
Daniel Drury
William Brewer
Joshua Todd
Abijah Goold
Joshua Foster
Ezekiel Goodale
James Foster
Amos Emery
Ebnezer Drury Junr
Eleazer Taylor
Aaron Fellt
Peter Fellt
John Brown
Joseph Brooks
William Drury
Silus Anger
Jonathan Avery
Benj[a] Cragin
Joseph Reed
Ephraim Heald

[The town was incorporated Aug. 26, 1768.—Ed.]

[10–209] [*Relative to some New York Tories: addressed to the Assembly, or Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

Having providentially met with some Suspicious Circumstances in the Appearance and Behaviour of four men passing thro' this Town—We pursued and apprehended them—On examining them seperately and together it Appeared plain from their own Account that they had been sent from some part of New York, by Committees in that Quarter, to Exeter on suspicion at least of unfriendliness to y[e] Cause of America—and that they had been allow'd a large Liberty of Yard at Exeter, which they improved in attempting an escape—their Names by their own Account are Stephen Hunt, Asa Brown, Jacob Motts Elisha Rose—they do not pretend any of them to have done any thing for America, but only as expressly Called upon ; tho' they would excuse themselves from any direct Opposition—We have sent 'em down to be disposed of as the Hon[d] Court shall think proper—

The expences of Apprehending and Conveying them to this Town we have expressed—in its particulars on a paper by itself—amounting to £2 : 19 : 6.

Temple Decem[r] 30, 1776.

Sam[l] Howard
David Spafford
John Cram ju
Sam[ll] Webster
Ephraim Heald
} Committee for the Town of Temple

[R. 4–107] Received of the Town of Temple by the Committee the sum of Ninety Two Dollars in full for enlisting into the Continental service as a soldier in part of the Quota of the Town abovesaid of the three Batallions raising in the State of Newhamshire

John Hillsgrove

Temple March 28, 1777

Testis Sam[l] Webster

Rec'd of the Town of Temple by the Committee the sum of Ninety Two Dollars in full for enlisting into the Continental service as a soldier in part of the Quota of the Town abovesaid, of the Three Batallions raising in the State of Newhampshire

Temple March 28, 1777

John Millet

Rec'd of John Cragin Oliver Heald, and Samuel Howard Treas[rs] and Receivars for the Town of Temple of the soldier Rate—The several sums affix'd to our Names for enlistment in ye Continental service—we say Rec'd by us

James his mark × Hutchinson £10, 0, 0, 5—Aaron Oliver 30, 0, 0, 6
Elijah Mansfield 30, 0, 0, 7—John Drury 30, 0, 0, 8
James his mark × Hutchinsôn 20, 0, 0,

Temple April the 7th 1777

Test Sam[l] Webster

[April 9, 1777, Josiah Stone signed a similar receipt for £30; and Benjamin Smith did the same April 7, same year. —Ed.]

[R. 4–102] [*Receipts from Soldiers' Wives.*]

Rec'[d] of the Selecmen of Temple tew bushel of Rye at 4/8 per bushel, my Husband Elijah Mansfield being a soldier in Col Scammils Regiment—I say Rec[d] by me

Rebekah Mansfield

Temple Jan[r] 4 : 1778

Then Received Ten dollars of Archelaus Cummings one of the Commite to provide for the familes of the Continental sol-

diers, my Husband Elijah Mansfield being a soldier in Cor[l] Scamils Regiment—I say Rec[d] by me

Rebekah Mansfield

Temple June 29 day 1778

[R. 4-103] Received of Benj[a] Tinney Jr of Temple one of y[e] Committee for supplying y[e] families of y[e] soldiers in the Continental Army Five Bushils of Indian Corn at 3/8 per bushil £0-18-4. Also one bushil of Rie at 4/8 pr bushil 0-4-8—My Husband Ebenezer Drury being a soldier in Col[o] Scammils Rig[mt] Recv[d] by me

Miriam Drury

Temple May 27—1779

[Mrs. Drury also signed receipts as follows:

June 10, 1779, 1 bushel Corn
July 26, " 2½ " Rye, 1½ of Corn, 6 qts Salt
Nov. 29, " 4 " " 2 " of Ephraim Brown.]

[R. 4-108] [Received of Benj[a] Cutter one of the Committee for Temple two bushils of Corn at 3/8— £0-7-4
and Nine pound of Cash 9-0-0

My husband being a Soldier in the Continental Army

Mary Hillsgrove

Temple April 1—1779

[Mrs. Hillsgrove also gave receipts as follows:

May 1779, bushel of Corn, of John Patten
July 26, 1779, ½ bushel of Corn, ½ bushel of Rye, and eight dollars in cash, of Capt, Gershom Drury
Nov. 25, 1779, 72[lbs] of beef at 18 shillings, of Oliver Heald
Oct. 1 " £3, 6, 0, cash " " "
Dec. 7 " £15, 6, continental money, 2¼ bushels Corn at 3/8 per bushel, 1¾ bushels Rye at 4/8 pr bushel,—of Oliver Heald]

[R. 4-98] [*Petition of William Drury, 1778: addressed to the General Assembly, or Committee of Safety.*]

William Drury of Temple in Col[o] Enoch Hale Rig[m] & Capt Gershom Drurys Company sheweth that he was Called upon

to go to the Relief of Ticonderoga on the alarm in June Last that his hors went on request to carry packs and that at Charlestown N° 4 the Horse was taken out or brook out of Jotham Whites pasture and it was three weeks before I found him, and that I paid for Advartising s^d horse and for a man and hors to Go afeter him and for straying and Keeping—£2–6–0

Wherefore your petitioner Humbly prays your Honours that He may be Repaid said sum of two pound six shillings as he was Called upon to Go with his horse for the defence of that post and your petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray & :C

William Drury

Temple Feb^r 2th 1778

[Sworn to before Francis Blood, justice of the peace.]

[R. 4–99] [*Capt. Robert Fletcher's Petition: addressed to the Council and Assembly, 1779.*]

The petetion of Capt Robert Fletcher of Temple in the County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid—Humbly sheweth that your petetioner Commanded a Company in the volentear in Col° Enoc Hales Rigement on the Island of Road Island in the Month of August last—that Henry Spaulding of Stodard was in my Company the whole time a soldier that your petetioner carried a list of the Company to the Committee on Claims and they maid out a Muster Roll and Gave me an Abstract that I did not compair the Roll Nor Abstract with my list Given in til I came home—that said Henry Spalding was not in the Roll Nor Abstract and that I did pay his waiges out of My own pocket at His Request as by his order May appear—Therefore your petetioner Humbley prays that the waiges of s^d Henry may be Repaid to Me which was twelve pound two shillings and your petetioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray &c—

Robert Fletcher

Temple March ye 2^d 1779

[R. 4–100] [*Lieut. Goodale's Petition, 1780.*]

The Humble Petition of Ezekiel Goodale of Temple sheweth that your Petitioner was Appointed a Lieutenant in Capt Frys Comp^t in Col° Scammels Ridg^t the 11th of Feb^r 1777 that he marched with the first Devision the first of April to Ticondaroga—& Discharged the duty of a Leiu^t to acceptance: was in

the several Disputes with Gen^r Burgoyne and then marched to Penselvana : & Continued there til Ap^r 30 1778 when by reason of the Continued applycations from my Family of their Distressed Circumstances I procuered a Discharge & Come home—your petetioner Lost at the vacuation of Tycondroga as by the account £28–4–0

That your petetioner Never received a farthing for it Nor for Depreshasion of mony for his waiges—therefore your petetioner prays that your Honours will take his Case into your wise serious and Marcyful Consideration and make him such reward for s^d loss and waiges as your Hon^rs think Just and your petetioner as in Duty Shall Ever pray—

Temple Feb^r 14—1780

Ezekiel Goodale Leu^t

[The committee reported in favor of allowing him the depreciation of his pay.—Ed.]

[10–211] [*Petition from Inhabitants of "Borland's Farm" to be annexed to Temple, 1780.*]

To the Honorable Counsel and House of Representatives—

Humbly Sheweth your Petitioners Inhabitants of a Certain tract of land Called and Known by the Name of Borlands Farm in the County of Hillsborough & State afore said bounded as Followeth (viz) Beginning at a beach tree Marked at the South west corner of Lyndsborough and Runs North on Lyndsborough line about three Hundred & Eighty rods to Gray burch marked with Stones about it thence west by land of Mason's proprietors over the North mountain So Called about one hundred & Seventy Rods to a rock maple with Stones about it at Peterborough east line thence South on peterborough east line about three Hundred & eighty Rods to a rock maple tree marked & Stones about it at Temple North line thence east on temple North line about one Hundred & Seventy Rods to the Beach tree first Mentioned Containing Near four Hundred Acres that S^d tract of land is not within the Bound of any Town that your Petitioners are trying to make Improvements on S^d tract of land, that there is No road from any town to S^d tract of land, that S^d tract is So Situated by reason of the mountains to the west North & Northeast that they Cannot Convean at any of the adjoining towns But Temple—Wherefore your Petitioners pray that the Said tract of land may be annexed to the town of Temple and that the Inhabitants thereof & their Successors may be Invested with all the Priviledges of Inhab-

itants of the town of Temple for Ever and that your petitioners may have leave to bring in a bill accordingly: & as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Decm^r 18—1780

Jonathan Avery
Thomas Richardson
Isaac Butterfield

[The territory mentioned in the foregoing petition was annexed to Temple by an act passed January 12, 1781.—Ed.]

[10–212] [*Petition for a Lottery.*]

Exeter Jenury 27th 1781

A Petition of Robt Hewes of Boston to the Honourable Councel and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire for the Further Incouragement of Glass Manufactory sett by him in the Town of Temple in this State—

Your humble Petitioner Prayeth, that as he has been at, so Great Expence and got the Manufactory so Nigh to Perfection and being Unable to Procede further without Publick Incouragement a Lottery may seet on foot, for the Raiseing a Sum of Money to bring it to Perfection, as Speedily as Possible, for if no Incouragement.—Can be Given Your hum^l Petitioner will be Oblidged Drop the Enterprize and Lett his Work men go to Connecticut, which Stands Ready to Receive and Imploye them, but that the Honourable Court may do something to Inable Your humb^l Petitioner to keep them here and Imploye them is the Sincere Prayer of Your humb^l Petitioner.

Robert Hewes

[Authority was granted by an act passed March, 1781.—Ed.]

[10–214] [*Statement of the Managers of the Lottery: addressed to the General Court, 1782.*]

The petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth that in consequence of the petition of M^r R: Hewes of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, an Act pass'd the General Court of said State of New-Hampshire in March A: D: 1781, granting a Lottery for the benefit of said Hewes in setting up and

carrying on the Manufactory of Glass in the Town of Temple in said State, and appointing your petitioners, Managers of said Lottery, That your petitioners, in pursuance of their trust, immediately proceeded to advertise the Scheme of said lottery, and print the Tickets, and began the sale thereof in Bills of the new-Emission, agreable to said Act. Soon after which your Petitioners were obliged to take back the Tickets, by reason of the failure of the paper Currency, and to give over the thoughts of drawing the same. And as your petitioners were appointed by the General Court without their previous Solicitation or knowledge; and having expended a considerable sum of money in printing said Tickets &c—Therefore your petitioners humbly pray the Honble Court to order the Treasurer to refund to your petitioners such sums of money as they have been necessitated to expend on account of said lottery: and, for that purpose, that they may have leave to exhibit an Account to this Court for Allowance, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

March 22^d 1782.

T: Farrar
I. Abbot
Francis Blood

[10–215] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New-Hampshire Hillsborough ss

Temple Decr 10th 1783

There is in ye Town of Temple one Hundred and fourteen persons of Twenty one years of Age paying for them selves a pole Tax Taken by us

Saml Howard
Francis Blood } Selectmen of Temple
Benj^a Cutter

[Sworn to before Francis Blood, justice of the peace.]

[10–216] [*Petition for Authority to send a Representative to the General Assembly, 1784.*]

Humbly apply the Subscribers Legal Voters of twenty-one years of age and upwards paying for themselves a pole tax in Temple and peterborough slip in said State—That the new

Constitution or form of Government for this State provides that every Town parish or place intitled to Town privileges having one hundred and fifty rateable poles of twenty one years of age and upward paying for themselves a pole tax May Elect one Representative—and such towns parishes or places as have less then one hundred and fifty rateable polls—shall be classed by the General assembly for the purpose of Chusing a representative—and whenever any town or parish intitled to Town priviledges shall not have one Hundred and fifty rateable polls and be so situated as to render the Classing thereof very inconvenient, the General assembly may upon application of a Majority of voters in such town parish or place issue a writ for their electing and sending a Representative to the General Court—that the subscribers Conceive that they fall within the last Discription Not being one hundred and fifty polls and being so situated as to render the Classing thereof with any other town very inconvenient—That they are ready to Contribute to the support of Government and are willing to have a Voice in raising Agregate sums — Wherefore they pray that in the New arangement for the Next Assembly a precept may issue to the s^d^ Town of Temple and peterborough slip for Electing and sending a Representative under such Regulations as other Towns in the same predicament and as in Duty bound shall pray—

Joshua Todd	Francis Cragin	John M^c^Allaster
Caleb Bancroft	Asa Severance	James Milligen
Samuel Howard	Eldad Spafford	Sam^ll^ Milliken
Moses Sticknee	John Stowel	Wm Milliken
William Manser	Josiah Fisk	Josiah Sawyer
Benj^a^ Cutter	William Searle Ju^r^	James M^c^Nee
Willm Drury	Aaron Felt	Joseph Barnes
Abraham Shelden	Joseph Heald	Gilbert M^c^Cay
Benj^a^ Cragin	Abraham Dinsmore	John swan
Samson Walker	John Cragin Jur	Joseph Miller
Ephraim Brown	Peter Brown	Nathan Boynton
Ebenezr Drury	Moses Lowel	John Marshel
Ezekil Jewet	Jacob Lowel	Reuben Law
Levi Peirce	Andrew Lane	Robt Potter
Silas Brown	Jonas Brown	John Taggart
Isaac Butterfield	Isaac Barron French	Benjamin Bacon
Gideon powers	Daniel Heald	Reuben Cumings
Jacob Foster	Oliver Heald	And^w^ Conn
Abner Felt	Ephraim Conant	David Moor
Ezekiel Goodale	Josiah Stone	James Moor
Elias Colburn	Abiel Holt	Jeremiah Andrews
John Patten	Joseph Kidder	John Taggart

Gershom Drury	John Burnap	Samuel Field
David Searl	Saml Holt	Aaron Colman
John Kendall	Ezekiel Jewett	
Nathan Wheeler	Francis Blood	

[In H. of Rep., March 31, 1784, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 4–101] [*Soldier's Certificate, 1784.*]

These may Certifie that Jeremiah Andrews is Father & heir to ——— Andrews a Minor late of Temple Deceas'd—who was a Soldier in the Continental army—Hired by S^{d} Town of Temple—
Dated Temple Decr 1, 1784.

Saml Howard } Selectmen
Eph^{m} Brown } of
F. Blood } Temple

[10–215] [*Relative to Militia: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Selectmen of Temple in the County of Hillsborough and the Inhabitants of S^{d} Town—That at the last Session of the General Court, a vote past by which the 12th Rig^{t} of Militia was Divided and the west part Call^{d} N° 12 and the East part Call^{d} N° 23, The Real situation & All the Surcumstances of the Towns that Now Compose the East Rigiment we Suppose was not then laid before the Honble Court for we belive if they had it would Not have pased—wherefore we beg leave to Say That the East Reg^{t} (vizt) New Ipswich Mason Wilton Temple Peterborough Lyndsborough Society Hancock & Peterboroughslip was all formerly of the fifth Regiment—That they pay £49—15s—10d to every thousand of the State Taxes as will Appear by the last proportion Act—and that the west or 12th as by S^{d} vote (vizt) Ringe Fitzwilliam Jaffrey Marlborough Dublin & Packersfield pays but £32 :13—which is not two thirds so much, or in other words we pay £17—2s 10d more to every £1000 than they which is more than half they pay—That we are Nine Towns to their Six—that more then 1100 poles was return'd in the last Inventory in the Nine & but little more than 600 in the west Rig^{t} And that most of the Towns in the East Reg^{t} was Settled (vizt) New Ipswich Wilton Mason Peterboroug & lyndsborough a Number of Years before there was one Inhabitant in the Six towns which now Takes away our Number—And that there is Now four Field officers within this Reg^{t} (to wit) Heald Willson

Abbot & Clark—(which Cannot—by the Militia Rules which is only Honnour) renew their Commition in the 23d regim^{t}—That in every point of view we consider our Selves Agreav'd by Said vote—werefore we humbly pray your Excellency & Honnours that the East Rig^{t} (to wit New Ipswich &c which is Now call'd the 23^{d} regiment may be restored to their former Number, or that The Division of s^{d} 12 Regiment may be Made Nul & void—And be put to Gether as but one regiment & as In Duty bound Shall pray

Jany 27—1785

Moses Sticknee	Benjamin Tenney jur	David Drury
Ab^{m} Shelden	Nathl Ball	Wm Fletcher
Robt Howrd	Nath^{ll} Ball J^{r}	Josiah Fisk
Benoni Venton	Abiel Parker	Amos Heald
Jonathan Stevens	Moses Lowell	Benja Cutter
Gershom Drury	moses Lowell J^{r}	Peter Felt
Ezra Drury	Jacob Lowell	Zebadiah Dinsmore
Abraham Dinsmor	Joseph Heald J^{r}	John Woodward
John Stowel	Benj. Cragin	Nathaniel Griffin
Caleb maynard	Eldad Spafford	Jonathan Avery
George Conn	Ezekiel Jewet	John Avery
David Emes	Nathaniel Jewet	Isaac Butterfield
Joshua Todd	William Jewet	Thomas Richardson
John Todd	Oliver Whiting	Danial forster
Joshua Todd Junr	Nathan Wheeler	Samual Burnip
Thomas Marshall	Silus Brown	Bengmon Severns
Jonathan Marshall	Daniel Lamson	Abbe Severens
Amos Dinsmor	John Andrews	Asa Severns
Caleb Bancroft	Thos Dinsmore	Royal Blood
	Thos Sewell his mark ×	Ferington
John Ball	Samson walker	Francis Blood J^{r}
Jonathan Lovejoy	Levi Peirce	

[10–220.]

Voted to answer the Request of Joseph Richardson and others Inhabitants of Lynsborough Relative to their being annexed to Temple Provided they will obligate themselves & heirs Not thereby to involve S^{d} Town in any unnecessary Charges on account of thier Being annexed or on acc^{t} of Moving the Meeting house &c

Attest Saml Howard T. Clerk

Temple May 5th 1794.

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII, p. 534.—Ed.]

[10-221] [*For an incorporation of a Library: addressed to the General Court, 1797.*]

Humbly Shews

Noah Miles Benjamin Cragin & Ebenr Edwards inhabitants of Temple in Sd State and others their associates that they have Been at Great expence in Collecting a Considerable Number of Valuable Books for the purpose of establishing a Library in Sd Temple. But without the aid and Patronage of the Honle Legislature they find themselves under Great Disadvantage & their endeavors to promote usefull Knowledge almost in Vain—they therefore pray that they may be incorporated into a Body Politic for the Purpose of establishing Sd Library with Such Powers & Priviledges as are usually Granted to incorporations of a Similar Nature—

and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Temple octr 25 1797

Noah Miles
Benja Cragin } Comitt
Ebnr Edwards

[Columbian library was incorporated in 1795.—Ed.]

[10-219] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative.*]

Temple May 6, 1799.

To the Honl the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court Convened the first Wednesday of June A D 1799

Humbly Sheweth the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town of Temple in sd State, that Sd Town for two years Last past have been Constitutionally qualified to Represent themselves in the General Court of Sd State, but by Reason of Certain emigration of the young Men in Sd Temple to Various parts of the New Countries the last year they Now have but 146 Rateable Polls in Sd Town and are therefore Deprived of that inestamable Privilidge which is So Essential in a Government Like ours Especially in Such a Cretical Day as ye Present, and Being Willing to Bear our full Share of the Public Burden and to Demean ourselves Peaceable and quiet Citizens of ye State of Newhampshire and firm Supporters of our General as well as State Government & wish to use our united Exertions in Support of ye Constituted authorities of the union—we therefore Pray that we May be admitted to the Privilidge of Representation for the future—and your Petitioners further Shew that it is

Very inconvenient for them to be Classed with any adjacent Town for Representation as ye Choice Must be in March which is a Season of ye year when Travelling is Very bad in this part of ye State, and also that we have Cartain persons in S^d Town which are Taxed for their Property & which are Not Liable to be Taxed for their polls they being more than 70 years of age—and it is highly Probable that we Shall Very Soon (perhaps Next year) have the full Number required by Constitution to entitle us to a Representation as we heretofore have had—and as we at present Lack but 4 Polls of being qualified in point of Numbers—We therefore Pray that our Peculiar Situation may be taken into your Serious and wise Consideration and Grant Such Relief in the Premises as Shall be agreeable to the Constitution and to Right and Justice Doth appertain—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray

Joshua Foster	Ezekiel Jewet	Jacob Jewet
Peter Powers	William Jewet	David Patterson
John Kimball	Asa Howard	Gideon Powers
Jon^a Kimball	Benjamin Tenny	Eben^r Stiles
Aaron Barns	Benj^a Killam	William Drury
Joseph Stone	Elias Colburn	Joseph Towne
Thomas Richardson	Levi Peirce	Thomas Towns J^n
George Kimball	Nathan Wheeler	David Towne
Benjn Cutter	John Patten	Aaron Avery
Joseph Searl	Peter Felt	Peter Avery
Royal Blood	Caleb Maynard	John Avery
Abraham Shelden	Daniel Heald	Thomas Towne
Stephen Manser	Levi Adams	Joseph Heald
Samson Walker	Daniel Searle	Theoder Barker
John Cragin	Nathl Barrett	John Rider
Nathl Jewet	Benjamin Parks	Joseph Killam
Stephen Cragin	Benja Cutter	Samuel Burnap
Samuel Burnap Ju	William Searle	Joseph Heald J^r
Francis Cragin Jr	James Walton	James Heald
Francis Blood Jr	Elias Boynton	Ephraim Heald
Joseph Hosley	Josiah Fisk	Richard Palmer
Jacob Jewet	Elisha Child	Simon Farrar
Moses Perkins	Sam^ll Killam	Joel Avery
Charles Kirk	Aaron Felt	Eli Towne
Stephen Austin	Eliot Powers	Jonas Brown
Jon^a Spaulding	Timothy Austen	Eldad Spafford
Seth Blood	Silas Stickney	Ezra Mansur
Sam Webster Felt	Phinehas Carlton	James Crombie
John Ballard	Oliver Whiting	Oliver Whiting J^r
Artemas Wheeler	John Brown	Edward pratt
Samuel Howard	Zechariah Emery	Joseph Kidder J^r

Benj[a] Cragin	David fuller	Silas Durkee
Francis Cragin	John Winship	William Mansur
Archelaus Cummings	Edward Willson	Jacob Foster
Gershom Drury	John Start	
Isaac Kimball	andrew Parkhurst	

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

THORNTON.

The township was granted July 6, 1763, to Matthew Thornton and others in seventy-three shares, and by this grant contained 23,000 acres. It was named in honor of Mr. Thornton, the leading man in procuring the grant, and subsequently a member from this state of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. No settlements were made under this grant, and another grant was made October 21, 1768, including additional territory enough to make 40,071 acres in the whole, which was to be divided into ninety shares. The grantees were mostly men of Londonderry and vicinity, and settlements were made in 1770. The town was incorporated November 24, 1781, Moses Baker being authorized to call the first meeting.

By an act approved June 16, 1807, the jurisdiction of the town of Thornton was extended over a tract of land lying eastwardly of said town, called Blanchard's Gore.

June 14, 1808, Capt. Jotham Cummings, Jr., of Plymouth, was appointed agent on the part of the state to meet an agent of the town, and establish the easterly line of the town.

June 23, 1842, a strip of land containing about eighty acres, known as Waterville Gore, was severed from Waterville and annexed to this town.

[10-223] [*Petition for a Second Grant, 1768.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, &c—

The Honourable his Majesty's Councel, &c—

The Petition of Mathew Thornton, and Associates, Humbly shews, That the late Governor, the Sixth of July, AD 1763, Granted to your Petitioners, the Township of Thornton, in the Province Aforesaid, on the Conditions, stipulated in the Charter thereof, the Whole Duty, of settlement, to be Compleated, within five years, next following said Date. And Whereas by the Charter it Appears that said Township, is Twelve miles in Length and at one End, Comes to an Acute Angle, it Can never be convenient, in one parish, and is not Large Enough for two, and the first survey, was so inaccurate, that made it Impossible to Assertain, the Bounds, and the great number of uninhabitable Mountains, makes it necessary, that a Large allowance should be made, Otherwise what appears by the plan, Enough for two, will not make one Good parish—

And Whereas Sundry, of the Grantees, have not been at any Expence, or Trouble, neither for Obtaining, the Charter, nor for veiwing, surveying, or Settling. And the rest have been at great Expence and Trouble, in all the above Respects. And have four men now dwelling on the premises, and a great number ready to make Immediate settlement, and only wait till the Grant is Renewed, and we have lately surveyed said Township, and laid it in a more convenient form, by order of Isaac Rindge Esq, surveyor General, of his Majesty's, Lands, in the province Aforesaid, a plan whereof is herewith Exhibited—

By which it appears, there will be about fifty acres to each person in the familys, of your Petitioners—

Therefor your Petitioners pray your Excellency and Honours, to take the premisses under Consideration, and Regrant said Township as laid down in the last mentioned plan to the persons named in the schedule here to annaxed or otherwise relieve your Petitioners Agreeable to your known Wisdom and Usual Clemency and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray—

September, 9th AD 1768—

Matthew Thornton in Behalf
of himself & Associates.

[The grant was made Oct. 21, 1768.—Ed.]

A schedule of the Grantees of the Township of Thornton—

The Honble—

Daniel Peirce Esq	Thomas Campbell Junr	George Davidson
Matthew Thornton		James Moore
John Peirce	John McCartney	Henry Moore
Joseph Peirce	James Alexander	John Moore Junr

James Thornton
Andrew Thornton
James Doack
John Doack
James Doack Junr
John Gillmore
Jonathan Gillmore
John Moore
Robert Moore
Thomas Cristy
Andrew Jack
Andrew Jack Junr
Samuel Morison
samuel morison Junr
Joseph morison
Abraham Morison
Joseph Cochran
Isaac Cochran
Samuel Cochran
David Clindinin
Robert Clindinin
David Anderson
James Anderson
Andrew Clindinin
David Craige
Thomas Campbell
John Taggart
James Taggart
John Swan
William McKea
Joseph Caldwell
Thomas Cunningham
William Taylor
Hugh Gillice
William Alld
Samuel Alls
William Howard
Hugh Wilson
William Baley
Alexander McColem
Robert McColem
George Cochran
Peter Cochran
James Campbell
James Campbell Junr
William Boyd
George Duncan
James Duncan
Peter Patterson
William Hogg
Noah Moulton
Charles Moore
Charles Moore Junr
Ebenezer Griffing
Jonathan Sewall Esq of Cambridge
Robert Temple Esq:
William Pynchon Esq: of Salem
John Hurd Junr
Seth Walker
Samuel Hall of Salem
George Brinley
Titus Salter
Jacob Treadwell Junr
Honble John Temple
Col^o John Goffe
Mark Hunkyn Wentworth
Theodore Atkinson
Theodore Atkinson Junr
Robert Rindge Esq:
Isaac Dowse

[10–224] [*Inventory of the Town, 1773.*]

Apriel 22 ye 1773

A true inventory of the poles and estates in Thornton there are Eightteene poles three horses one two year old Colt Six oxen fifteene Cows two two year olds thirty five acres of land

Taken by me—

John Brown

[Sworn to before Moses Little, justice of the peace.]

18 Polls	10 : 16 : 0	6 Oxen	0 : 18 : 0
3 horses	0 : 9 : 0	Cows 15	1 : 10 : 0
2 2 Y old	0 : 9 : 0	Land	1 : 3 : 4

Sum Total £14 : 18 : 4

[10–225] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

To the Honorable General Court of the Colony of New hamshire—

The Petition of the Town of Thornton in the Col° Affore said Humbly Sheweth—

That Whare as by a Revarst of forTune We have it from good athority that Canady is in the Prossession of the Enemy as far as St Johns that being a front Teer Town We are in Danger of being attacked by Our Canadian Enemy and that Our Defitiancy in Armes and Amenition is such that it Renders us unable to Make proper Defence In case of An attack thare being Twelve Stands of Armes Wonting for the Number of In Habtence and Intirely Destitute of Amunition—

These are Tharefore Humbly to pray your Honnours In this Exegence of affares to furnish us with 40 pounds of powder led and flints or severale out of the Colony Stores and We will be accountible for the Same—

Sined By Order and In behalf of said Town

Thornton June 27 1776

By us—

{ Edmand Eliot } Select
{ Able Willey } Men

Please to Deliver the above articles to Capt Edmand Eliot Taking his Recep^t for the Same

Edmen Eliot } Select
Abel Willey } Men

[10–226] [*Petition to have the Town incorporated: addressed to the General Assembly, 1781.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State Humbly Sheweth—

That the Inhabitants of said Thornton labour under many disadvantages for want of an Incorporation, not being able to Assess, levy and Collect Taxes, nor intitieled to any Priviledges and Advantages enjoyed by Bodies Politic and Corporate within this State—

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly pray that Your Hon^rs would be pleased to take their Cause under consideration and grant the said Town of Thornton full Incorporation Investing the Inhabitants thereof with all the Powers Priviledges and Immunities which any incorporated Towns within this State holds and enjoys, or otherwise grant such Relief as Your Hon^rs in your Great Wisdom shall think best—

Your Honours will be pleased to Observe that the State Tax already aportioned to the Town of Thornton by the State for the present Year cannot be Collected untill the inhabitants

thereof are enabled by Authority to do the same and therefore cannot be paid into the Treasury by the Time Mentioned in the Treasurers Warrent. Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Hon^{rs} would allow such further Reasonable Time for Assessing levying, Collecting & paying said Tax into the Public Treasury as the Circumstances of the Case shall require and Your Petitioners as in Deuty bound shall ever Pray &c—

Thornton 31st May 1781—

Abel Willey	Ezekiel Elliot	William Varnum
John Brown	Moody Cook	John Fletcher
Edmund Elliot	Richard Patee	Alexander Lang
Sam C fuller	James Rankens	William Webster

[The town was incorporated Nov. 24, 1781.—Ed.]

[10-227] [*Letter from John Pierce to Mr. Thornton, 1780.*]

Portsmouth Novr 8, 1780

Sir

At your request some time during the confignment of Col^{o} Stephen Holland in Exeter Jail, I inquired of him whether he knew anything of an exchange of a lot of Land in the Town of Thornton between you and Governor Wentworth—to which he replyd, that he knew the whole transaction, that the Governor, to accomodate you with a mill priviledge for the benefit of the Town, agreed to exchange a lot with you, and that the deed from Governor Wentworth to you was executed in his presence, and that he took the Governors acknowledgment thereof, which was certified on the Deed in due form—and that he had had some time before the deed in his possession,—but did not then know where it was—He also said something respecting your conveying the lot intended to be given in Exchange, but whether the deed pass from you or not, I cannot recollect, that he told me—

I am

Your most Hum^{l} Serv

John Peirce

Col^{o} Mathew Thornton Esqr

[10-228] [*Receipt of Jonathan Child, 1781.*]

Receiv^{d} of Richard Petty Constable for thornton one thousand & Five hundred dollars for the Purpos of Supplying the

Troops at Coos agreable to orders Receiv'd from the Council of Safty at Exetor for that Purpos

Lime Jan^{r} 15th 1781 Jon^{a} Child
1,500 dol^{r}

[10–229] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

In conformity to the Order of Court we make the following return of Male Polls twenty one Years of Age and Upwards paying a Poll Tax, in the Town of Thornton—viz, 47—

Thornton Decem^{r} 13th 1783—

Noah Worcester } Select
Abel Willey } men

[Sworn to before Moses Baker, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[10–230] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1785.*]

This may certify that in the town of Thornton there are fifty two ratable polls of twenty one years of age and upwards

Thornton 15 Octo. 1785

Noah Worcester } Select-men
Enoch Colby } for Thornton

[R. 4–115] [*George Patterson, Soldier.*]

Grafton ss. Haverhill January 9th 1793.

This certifieth that Moses Nichols of Thornton in said County Physician hath this day received a letter of administration, upon the estate of George Paterson late of Thornton aforesaid deceased intestate, & has given bond as the law requires to administer said estate accordingly— Charles Johnston

[Mr. Johnston was judge of probate.— Ed.]

Thornton Jany 14, 1793.

Sir. Please to pay Mr Caleb James whatever is due to the Heirs of George Patterson from the State of New-Hampshire & his rec^{t}. shall be your discharge from the same, your compliance will oblige your obe^{t}. servant

Moses Nichols, admin^{r}.
to the estate of the s^{d} Patterson

J. T. Gilman Treasurer of s^{d} State

[10–233] [*M. Thornton, relative to a Dispute between this Town and Peeling: addressed to the General Court, June 7, 1797.*]

Humbly shews the Subscriber that in the Year 1763 His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq Governor &c of the then Province now State of Newhampshire, granted to Daniel Peirce, your Petitioner and Associates, a certain tract of Land in the County of Grafton and State aforesaid lying North of the Town of Campton, and adjoining thereto, and gave it the name of Thornton, some time after the Charter was signed, Your petitioner examined the out lines of the Grant with more attention than he did before he received the Grant, and easily perceived it coud never be convèniet for one parish, and extremely inconvenient for two. Your petitioner therefore took no care to procure Settlers, and let the time expire, that by the Conditions in the Grant the settlement of said Town shou'd have been compleated—Therefore Said Grant reverted to the Grantor, and the Charter conveyed no title to the Grantees, His Excellency John Wentworth at this time being Governor. Your petitioner waited on him shewed him the plan, and by his direction obtained a Second Grant of said Thornton, only varying the lines of said Town. as soon as your petitioners received this second Grant (which was dated Octr 21st 1768) proceeded and laid out the Home lots, and about one half the second divisions and procured Setlers as fast as possible, and notwithstanding its being a Fronteer town, and the late War at that time raging between Brittain and America, yet as I paid for Building Grist and Saw Mills, and made the term of settlement easy, the settlement went on considerable rapidly, and is now become a fine flourishing Town, which was but a short time past a howling Wilderness. The Inhabitance have lived quietly and happy untill the Year 1793, at which time there arose a controvercy, between a Town called Peeling, and the Town of Thornton. the history is as follows The Grant of Peeling bears date the 23 of Sep^t 1763, and was Regranted in the Year 1771 December 17th to other Grantees by the name of Fairfield—Some time after the date of the Charter of Peeling, the Grantees sent a Commitee to run the out lines of their Township, and after runing about one & an half miles, held a Council and concluded it not worth the notice of the Grantees, and so returned home called a meeting of the Grantees, the Grantees when met approved of their Committee's report. nothing was done until the year 1790 then some Gentlemen purchased of the Original Grantees, for a very trivial sum their rights as Grantees—some time in the year 1793 Run the out lines of the Town called Peeling ex-party, by which they took in a considerable part of Thornton as it was

laid out by the Second Grant, and some of Goffs location they immediately put on one or two Settlers on that part of Thornton which they say fell within the limits of Peeling, but none on any other part of their Grant,—

Therefore your petitioner humbly prays that your Honors wou'd take his Greiveance into your wise consideration and Confirm the Charter of Thornton as laid out by the second Grant and incorporated—or call those pretended proprietors of Peeling to answer for not fulfilling the conditions of their Grant or otherwise relieve your petitioner as in your wise Judgement shall appear just and equitable, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

M Thornton

Merrimack June 6th 1797—

TUFTONBOROUGH.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors to John Tufton Mason, and named for him. Subsequently, Hon. Woodbury Langdon became a large owner by purchase. No permanent settlements were made until after the close of the Revolutionary war, and the town contained but 109 inhabitants in 1790. The town was incorporated December 17, 1795, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, the act authorizing Nathan Hoit to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.

By an act approved December 30, 1799, Cow island was annexed to this town.

June 25, 1858, Whortleberry, Birch, Farm, and Little Bear islands, situated in Winnipiseogee lake, were annexed to Tuftonborough; and on the following day, the homestead farm of Benjamin Wiggin was severed from this town and annexed to Wolfeborough.

[10–236] [*Woodbury Langdon's Statement relative to Town Affairs: addressed to the Legislature, 1789.*]

The Petition of Woodbury Langdon shews that your petitioner is the proprietor of the greatest part of the Town of Tuftonborough that said town has been taxed for a great number of years very unreasonably considering its situation and not

having any inhabitants untill very lately and now only five, that notwithstanding this grievance which has prevented the settlement of the town your petitioner and the other proprietors have paid all the taxes on said town up to the year 1782 altho' many others in the like situation have paid nothing, that since then the Taxes have accumulated to the enormous sum of four hundred pounds in Cash and other articles which is now unpaid, that in it is included a tax assessed in the year 1782 for two soldiers when there was not a single inhabitant in the town which soldiers were not finally wanted and no uninhabited town as your petitioner can find has paid for such non compliance, all which matters being duly considered by your Honours he trusts you will abate the tax for the Soldiers and whatever part of the other taxes you may think reasonable and the remainder shall be paid—

Woodbury Langdon

Portsmouth December ye 29th 1789

[10–237] [*Petition for Abatement of Soldier Tax: addressed to the Legislature, 1794.*]

The Petition of Woodbury Langdon, humbly, shews that your petitioner is proprietor of the greatest part of the Lands in the Township of Tuftonborough, that in the year 1782 said Township was assessed for two Soldiers when there was not an inhabitant in it, that he applied to a former Legislature for the abatement of said Tax which was not granted, that the said Tax has not yet been paid as your petitioner has conceived it to be very unreasonable especially as said soldiers were not finally wanted and he now is induced to apply to the present Legislature for the abatement thereof as he understands that most if not all the Towns within this State in the like situation have been abated the said Soldier Tax, therefore your petitioner hopes if his request is not thought unreasonable that it will be granted—

and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Woodbury Langdon—

Concord December ye 19th 1794

[10–238] [*Joseph Richardson's Petition: addressed to the Legislature, 1797.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

The Inhabitants of Tuftonborough that the said Township of

Tuftonborough was called upon for deficiency of Soldiers when there was no Inhabitants in said Town and the proprietors Neglected paying the same since that time some Inhabitants have settled in said Town bought their land at a Dear Rate & are now Called upon for said deficiency which ought to have been paid by said propriety—

Wherefore they pray that they may be Impower[d] to tax all the lands in said town as unimproved land in a sum sufficient to Discharge the sum due to the state for said Deficiency and your petitioners as in duty bound will Ever pray

Portsmouth Dec[r] 5 1797

Joseph Richardson
in behalf of said Town

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 11, 1797, the petitioner was granted leave to bring in a bill. Senate concurred Dec. 12.—Ed.]

[10-239] [*Complaint against Woodbury Langdon, etc.: addressed to the Legislature, 1797.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers, proprietors of a considerable part of the unimproved Lands in Tuftonborough, humbly shews—that at a Meeting of the proprietors of Tuftonborough held on the 18th Day of September 1794, a Tax of six pence per Acre was voted to be raised on all the Lands in Tuftonborough, for the express purpose of paying off all Arrearages of Taxes due the State, and for certain other proprietary purposes—that the aforesaid Tax was amply sufficient to meet every Demand on the proprietors—

That Woodbury Langdon Esq[re] was chosen Collector of said tax—that your Memorialists as early as the Month of November 1794 paid the aforesaid tax on all their Lands in said Town and presumed that their Collector had appropriated the proceeds of said tax, or such part thereof, as was sufficient to the payment of the Demand which the Government had on said Propriety—

That your Memorialists to their astonishment now find that their Collector has made no such Appropriation, but on the contrary a petition we understand is now before the Honorable Court, requesting permission to reassess this Arrearages of taxes due the State from said Town—Your petitioners therefore prays that so much further time may be granted them, before the prayer of the aforesaid petition may be granted, as shall enable them to compell their aforesaid Collector to appropriate the proceeds of said tax, agreeable to the original Intention of the

Proprietors or to refund the Money your Petitioners have already paid—

Portsmouth December 14th 1797—

Nath[l] A. Haven
James Sheafe
A R Cutter
Jos: Haven
John Haven
Nath[l] A. Haven
Attorney to Mrs. Moffatt
Guardian to R. C. Moffatt

UNITY.

The township was granted July 13, 1764, to Timothy Goodwin and others, to be divided "into such shares and proportions as the major part shall agree upon." The grant was made to enable some parties in Hampstead and Kingston to settle a dispute relative to some territory claimed by Hampstead parties under a grant from New Hampshire, and by Kingston parties under a grant from Massachusetts. Enough of the territory in this grant was to be transferred to the Kingston claimants to satisfy them. The controversy had created considerable bitterness, but was amicably settled by means of this grant, and the town was named in commemoration of the happy termination of the dispute.

A portion of the town of Goshen, incorporated December 27, 1791, was taken from this town, and another small tract was severed from Unity and annexed to that town July 6, 1837. By an act approved June 20, 1810, a tract of land with inhabitants thereon was severed from the south-west corner of this town and annexed to Charlestown.

December 29, 1828, a small tract of land with the inhabitants thereon was severed from the north-west corner of this town and annexed to Claremont.

[11–1] [*Warrant for Town Meeting, 1779.*]

this Is to notify &[c] the Leagai Inhabitants paying taxes in the towns of acworth Lempster Savel Croydon Unity & new-

port to meet at the Dwelling house of Capt Nathaniel huntoon in said Unity on the firstt tusday In December next at one of the Clock In the after noon.

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderater to Govern Said meeting

2^{ly} to Chuse one Good & Lawfull man to Represent them In the General Assembly to Be held at Exeter for the year Ensuing also to Chuse two Good & Lawfull men to Serve as members of the Councel for the Year Ensuing

November the 29 1779

Amos Chase
Jonathan Glidden } Select Men of Unity
John Lad

[Col. Benjamin Bellows, Jr., made a return of the company officers in his regiment March 15, 1776. The ninth company was located in this town and officered as follows: Captain, Nathaniel Huntoon; 1st Lieutenant, Amos Chase; 2d Lieutenant, Moses Thurston; Ensign, Simeon Giddens. Joseph Frost, age 26, was in 1st N. H. Regiment in 1778. —Ed.]

[11–10] [*Elijah Weed relative to Pettingill, 1785.*]

The petition of Elijah Weed in behalf of the town of Unity Humbly shews—

that the town of Unity did in the year 1777 hier one Jonathan Pettangal Be longing to S^{d} town a soldier who Inlisted Dureing the war and Sarved through the hole of the war for said town and throgh the Neglect of the select men he was not Return^{d} for said town, nor no other town,—therefore your Petitioner Prays that the town of Unity may be Credited for Said Pettengal and your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Elijah Weed

Conkord oct^{r} 29th 1785

[11–3] [*Jonathan Pettingill, Soldier, 1777.*]

Unity May 8th A D 1777—

This May Certify whom it may Concern That I Jonathan Pettingall do Bargain & Engage to & with Amos Chase of Unity To do Eighteen Months Service in the Continental Army for him the Said Chase To be half the Tour of three years that I am Engaged for the Said Chase having Paid & Satisfied

me for the Said Service as witness my hand the day & year abov[d]

his
Jonathan X Pettingall
mark

Witness
Rich[d] Brown.

[11-4] [*Deposition relative to Jona. Pettingill, 1786.*]

the depotion of me the Subscriber this may Sertify that I did in the year 1777 agree with Jonathan pettengal of this town to Serve as a Continatal Soldier for eighteen months as half a three years tower and paid him ten pounds for Said Serves attest per me

Abraham Sandborn

Unity January the 3 and 1786

[Sworn to before Elijah Frink, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[11-11] [*Relative to State Tax: addressed to the Legislature, June Session, 1786.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers In behalf of Ourselves and others of the Inhabitants of the Town of Unity—Humbly Sheweth—that Sence the Contest with Great Britton the Town afors[d] Have Been Greatly Embarrast by having a Considerable Number Enimical Persons to the Common Cause—so far as to Lead away from there Duty a Number of S[d] Inhabitants so far as to make a majority in said Town that the minor were Not able to act or transact any Business as a Town whereby no regualor Returns or Inventarories have been made for Some Years back and that in the Year 1780 there was no Invoice taken And the Town were Doomed and Set Equal to the Towns of Croydon & Lempster whom have Sence Been abated the Seventh part of there Taxes and we are fully Sencable that the Town of Unity ought to be Set much Lower than either of S[d] Towns—and as the Town of Unity are now Unamously Returned to their Duty and are Determined to pay Up their taxes and have Sold a Great part of their Personal Estate for that purpose—

Wherefore we Pray Your Honors to take the Case into Your Wise Consideration, and make them Such A Batments as You in Your Wisdom Shall Se fit—and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Cheshire ss Unity 15th day Oc[tr] 1785

Charles Huntoon	David Weed	Elijah Weed
Nathaniel Huntoon	Amos Chase	Joseph Huntoon
Joshua Bartlett	Abner Chase	

[11–2] [*Relative to warning a Man out of Town: addressed to the Legislature, 1786.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers, In behalf of the Town of Unity Humbly Sheweth That in Novr 19th A D 1778—there was a Warrant Insueed by the Selectmen of this Town to Caleb Huntoon he being Constable of S^{d} Town Directing him to warn Dearbon Sweat & others forthwith to Depart out of S^{d} Town a Greeable to the Law of this State in Such Case Made and Provided and that Said Constable Did Serve Said Warrant But Being mis Laid was not Entred and Cannot Now be found and as this Town are Like to Suffer Greatly and to be put to Great Cost by Reason of The Failure of Said Warrant not being Entred on the files of the Court of General Session of the County of Cheshire—

Unless Your Honors will Interpose on our Behalf and Establish the Doings on Said Warrant as tho' Same had been actually Recorded In the Clark Office for which Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Nathaniel Huntoon } Selectmen
Amos Chase } of
Matthias Bartlett } Unity.

Cheshire ss Unity June 9th A D 1786

[In H. of Rep., June 15, 1786, a hearing was ordered for the next session, of which the selectmen of Brentwood were to be notified.—Ed.]

[11–4] [*Depositions relative to Dearborn Sweatt.*]

The Deposition of Amos Chase of Unity of Lawfull age Testifieth and Saith on the 19th day of Novr 1778—Charles Huntoon Elijah Weed and Amos Chase being Selectmen for Unity for the Year 1778—Granted a warrent Under our hand and Seal to Caleb Huntoon he being Constable—To warn Dearborn Sweatt and Others to Depart out of Unity a Greeable to the Law of this State in Such Case made and provided—Your Deponant further Saith not Amos Chase

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11-6]

The Deposition of Caleb huntoon of Unity of Lawfull age testifyeth and Saith that Some time In the year 1778 I Received of the Select men of unity a warant to warn Dearborn Sweat and others to depart out of this town, which warant I Served and I Delivered the Said warant to amos Chase he being one of the Selectmen of unity Said Chase was In Charles town when I Deliverd him the Said warant and I Saw Said Chase Deliver the Said warant to benjamine Giles Esqr and I heard Said Giles promis Said Chase to Deliver the Said warant to the Clerk of the General Sesions of the peace and further Saith not

Caleb Huntoon

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11-7]

The Deposition of Elijah Weed of Unity of Lawfull age Testifyeth and Saith on the 19th day of Novr 1778—Charles Huntoon Amos Chase and Elijah Weed Being Selectmen for Unity for the Year 1778, Granted a warant under our hand and seal to Caleb Huntoon he Being Constable To warn Dearborn Sweatt and others to Depart out of Unity a Greeable to the Laws of this State in Such Case made and Provided—Your Deponant further Saith not—

Elijah Weede

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11-12] [*Oath of Allegiance, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire, Cheshire—ss

Unity October 23th: 1787—

These may Certify that we the Subscribers hath taken the following oath of Allegiance and the oath of office—

I, John Huntoon, I, Stephen Gilman, I, Jonathan Glidden Junr & I, Caleb Huntoon—Do truly and Sincerely acknowledge profess testify & Declare that the State of New Hampshire is & of right ought to be a free Sovereing & Independent State & Do Swear that I will bear faith & true allegiance to the Same & that I will endeavor to Defend it against all treacherous conspiracies & hostile attempts whatever: & I Do further testify & Declare that no man or body of men hath or can have a Right to

absolve me from the obligation of this oath Declaration or affirmation & that I Do make this Acknowledgement profession testimony, & Declaration honestly & truly according to the Common Acceptation of the foregoing words without any Equivocation mental evasion or Secret Reservation whatever—So help me God—witness our hands—

John Huntoon
Stephen Gilman
Jonathan Glidden Jr
Caleb Huntoon

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11–13] [*Vote of Town relative to the formation of Goshen, 1790.*]

Unity January 14th 1790 att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Sd Unity met att Time & place agreeable to warning of Said Meeting Firstly Capt Moses Thirston Chosen Moderator to govern Said Meeting 2ly Voted to Sett off at the East End of our Town to Extend West So Far as the East Side Line of the Lott No 50 in the Second Rang of Lots with a Strate Line Far as the East Side north to Newport Town Line also South to Lemester Town Line to join in Union with a part of a Number of Towns Forming into a new Town—Viz. Lemester Newport Wendell & Fisherfield 3ly—Voted to Divide Remander part of this Town into Two Seperate Towns or Parrishes's According to quantity of Land by the plan of Said Town if it be Complied by the General Court of the State 4ly—Voted to Choose a Commitee to Settle the Line Between the two Towns 5ly—Capt Moses Thirston Charles Huntoon Esqr Jonathan Glidden Caleb Gilman & Lieut Joishua Bartlett Chosen the above Commitee to Settle the Line in the Division of the Two Said Towns or parrishes.

The within is a true copy taken out of Unity town Book of records

Attest Jonathan Glidden Town Clark

[A portion of the town was taken to form the town of Goshen, December 27, 1791.—Ed.]

[11–14] [*Vote relative to the foregoing, 1791.*]

This may Certify that att a Legal Town meeting held by an adjournment on the Ninth of Sept AD 1791

The Inhabitance met and Voted that the Town be Devided Voted and Agreed that the Line shall run on the North End of the first Rang North of Corys Road in favour of a petition of William Story and others

Joseph Cutts Clerk protem[r]

September the 12th AD 1791

[11–15] [*Petition relative to dividing the Town: addressed to the Legislature, 1791.*]

The Pertition of us the Subscribers Inhabitance of the town of Unity Humbly Sheweth—that if the Inhabitence on the East End of this town Should Pertition your Honours to be Set off with part of Several other towns as a Seperate town we are perswaded your Honours will think it Reasonable that they Should Come as far west as the Court Committee Reportted Last Sesions agreeable to a plan taken by m[r] Jesse Lane of Newport Last fall and It is our opinion if it Should extend as much as fifty or Sixty Rods further west it would be for the benifit of this town and no damage to Said New town as there is a Very bad hill Running a Crost Said town and all East of Said hill will be much more Conveniant to the New town than to any part of this town—and we give it as our opinion that there ought to be a town Set off Nearly agreeable to the S[d] plan of m[r] lanes as there Settuations is Such they Never Can be accommodated with the towns they are now incorporated with and we are Sensable it must be a great damage and Discuragement to them not to be incorporated as it much detars the Settlement in that part and the prayer of your Petitioners is that they may be set off as soon as you in your wisdom Shall See fit and we Shall Ever pray

Unity May 30th 1791

Amos Chase } Selectmen
James Lad } of Unity

Josiah Moody	Eliphalet Bodwell	Moses thirston Juner
Daniel moodey	Jeremiah Dean	Amos T Huntoon
Richard moody	Sanborn Cram	William Weed
Daniel Moody juner	osteen Pike	Nath[l] Huntoon Ju[r]
Jeremiah Glidden	Joseph Huntoon	Rheuben Huntoon
Josiah Moody juner	Ezekiel Challis	Hezekiah Yong
Caleb Gilman	Ephraim Cram	Amos Hall
James Bodwell	Abner Chase	Abner Colby

[11-16] [*Vote of Town relative to the foregoing, 1791.*]

Unity January 14th 1790—At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of sd Unity met at time and place agreeable to warning of sd meeting—

1st Capt Moses Thurston chosen Moderator to govern sd Meeting—

2nd Voted to Set off at the East end of our town, to extend west so far as the East side Line of Lot No 50 in the Second range of Lots, with a Straight line to Newport town Line, also South to Lemster town Line to join in Union with a part of a No of towns forming into a New town Namely Lemster Newport Wendal and Fishersfield—

Copyed from Unity town records—

Attest Saml Chase town Clark

Unity 9th June 1791—

[11-17] [*Remonstrance to foregoing: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The prayer of us a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Unity humbly sheweth that we are informed that a Petition was presented to your Honours at your last Sessions at Concord, signed by a Number of Persons belonging to the Towns of Unity Lemster Wendell & Newport, Praying that the East part of sd Unity with a part of those other Towns mentioned in sd Petition Might be Incorporated into a Township distinct from those to which they now belong—

Your Petitioners humbly shew that we have not had any publick notice of sd Petition, by any town meeting. But suppose that if our Selectmen have been serv'd with a Copy of sd Petition and order of Court thereon, that it fell into two of our Selectmens, hands who from some self interested views, are desirous to part with the Land mentioned in sd Petition and have kept it Secret, and not given the Town any notice of it—We your Petitioners think that it will be very hurtful to sd town of Unity, to Part with the whole of the Land Mentioned in sd Petition But as the Town did vote to Let sd Petitioners have a part in our Town, when they Petitioned for it in December 1789 we are willing that they should have the Land so voted to them, which was all the Land lying to the East of a straight Line; running across sd Town Parallel to the East side Line of Lot No 50 in the Second Range—

And we beg leave to inform your Honours that to part with any More of sd Town would be very Hurtful to it on Many Accounts, Therefore we do in the most Humble manner Re-

quest your Honours, that the Prayer of s^d Petition should not be Answered (so far as it respects s^d Town of Unity) by giving them any more Land off of our Town than we voted to Let them have—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray—

Unity 24th of November 1791—

Joshua Bartlett Selectman of Unity

Samuel Chase	Charles Huntoon	Jonathan Glidden
Nathaniel Huntune	Josiah Huntoon	Junr
Samuel thurber	Reuben Huntoon	Jacob Smith
Daniel Bachelder	Junr	Simeon Glidden
William Long	Samuel Huntoon	Andrew Glidden
John Huntoon	Jonathan Glidden	Jacob Glidden
Benjamin Smart	Jacob Cram	James Dudley
Wilson Shaw	Samuel P. Glidden	Barnabas Sincklear
Moses Chase	Joseph Glidden	William Neal
Benjmin Huntoon	Simeon Glidden Junr	Ebenez^r Barker
Joseph welch	Amos Lamson	Samuel Neal
Joseph Huntoon Junr	Amos Buckmon	John Sleeper
Benjmin Huntoon	Elias Buckmon	Abraham Samborn
Junr	David Peirce	Isaac Livingston
Cornelius Clough	Nickles Peirce	Jacob Bartlett
Stephen Huntoon	Moses fifield	Darbon Sweat
Matthias Bartlett	Jacob Perkins	

[11–18] [*Petition for a new Town from Unity and Charlestown: addressed to the Legislature, 1794.*]

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the west part of Unity in the County of Cheshire, Humbly show

That the Township of Unity extends about eleven miles east and west and about six miles north and south, that your petitioners are separated from the Inhabitants in the east part of said Town by a mountain running across The Town north and south which renders their connection very inconvenient, that by being separated from the east by a line on that mountain and annexed to the north part of Charlestown, a Town might be formed of the usual size, and its Inhabitants well united—

They therefore pray that the west part of Unity and the north part of Charlestown may be incorporated into a new Town, and as in duty bound shall ever pray

Unity April ye 28th 1794

Jon^{a} Glidden J^{r}	Jabesh Perkins	William Neal Jur
Jacob Smith	Jacob Perkins	Derbon Sweat
Aaron Marshall	Lemuel Wright	James Harwood
Simeon Glidden Jur	Elisha Perkins	Benjamin Webster
Joseph Glidden	Jon^{a} Dudley	James Lawrance
Jacob Glidden	Samuel Neal	Jeremiah Merrill
Simeon Glidden	James Dudley	Asaph merrill
Nathaniel Lad	David Dudley	Stephen Bucknam
Joseph Perkins	James Dudley Junior	

[11–19] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1794.*]

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Unity in the County of Cheshire and State afore S^{d} Humbly, Shew that a petition originating from some Gentleman (in the Town-Plot so Called) in Charlestown has been Lately handed about in Said Unity, praying the petitioners may be annexed to the North part of Charlestown, for the purpose of making a new Town, and by misrepresentation procured a number of Signers, who on Consideration wish their names arased from s^{d} Petition, and humbly pray that we may not be thus Anexed, for the Reasons Following, (Viz) there is a mountain Separating those Towns so dificult to pass that Nature Seams to forbid a union for that purpose—and Should it take place, we think it will make the most unhappy Situated Town on the Continent—your petitioners therefore as in duty bound Shall Ever, Humbly, depricate, Such a union.

Unity May 23rd 1794

Charles Huntoon	Jonathan Glidden	Abraham Sandborn Junr
Moses thirston	Amos Buckman	
Benj^{a} Clough	Stephen Glidden	Danil Batchder
Phinehas Sanborn	Jacob Cram	Jacob shaw
Enoch Johnson	thomas Smith	Wilson Shaw
James Graves	Jeremiah Glidden	Saml thurber
Barnabas Sinkler	Amos T. Huntoon	Nathl Huntoon
andrew Glidden	Joseph Huntoon	John Bartlett
James Bodwell	Moses Fifield	Jonathan Bartlet
Benjamin Mathes	Richard Moody	Daiel Moody Jun
Josiah moody	Jonathan Glidden 3^{d}	Danil moody
John Huntoon	Eliphalet Bodwell Junr	Jacob Glidden
John Sleeper		David Dudley
Charles Hunton 3^{d}	Asa Glidden	James Dudley Junior
Asa Lampson	Jacob Bartlett	Samuel Neal
Caleb Gilman	James Bodwell	Ezra Smith

Abner Chase	Joseph Whiston	James Harwood
John Bartlett	John Ladd	hezekiah yong
Amos Chase	Elias Bucknam	Josiah huntoon
ISaac Levingston	Ebenezer Barker	Ruben Huntoon
Nicholas Parce	Enos Lamson	epheram Cram
Joshua Parce	Amos Lamson	Stephen Buckman
Sanborn Cram	Abraham Sandborn	

[The project failed. See Charlestown papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[R. 4-116] [*Nathaniel Huntoon's Account for furnishing Soldiers and receipt, July 12, 1777.*]

Sam[l] White—	Browns Company
Jonathan Ston dudley—	Robinson
Nath[l] frost—	Bell
Jonathan folsom—	Drew
wounded dogg—	Rowel
Richard How—	Robinson
Isaac morss—	Robinson
Paul Sandborn—	Rowel
Philip Blasdel—	Rowel
moses Blacke—	Robinson
John Cook—	Bell

Victuals for the within Soldiers 13 meals—	£0.13.10
toddy 2 & ¾ of mugs	0. 5. 6
	0.19. 4

Rec[d] of Ebenezer Smith the sum of nineteen shilling and four pence L. M. for the expence of eleven Continental Soldiers who he ordered to be Refresht at my house—for me

unity July 12th 1777. Nath[l] Hunton

[R. 4-117] [*Petition of Joseph Hunton, Soldier, 1779.*]

Unity March 2[d] 1779—

To the Honourable the General Court—May it please your Honours—your humble petitioner prayeth to inform the Honourable General Court assembled in Behalf of the state of New Hampshire, that your petitioner hath served his Country in the present War (and the State of New Hampshire in particular)

from the first Commencement thereof untill the Glorious Battle of Stilwater, in the Capacity of a Subaltron belonging to the Third Battal[n] of New Hampshire Troops Commanded by Colonel Scammell Esq[r] in battle Vitz at Stillwater I had the Misfortune to receive a Wound in my arm, which hath proved so far fatal to me as to disinable me from doing Regimental duty any longer, as may be Certified as by letter from Colonel Scammell, and also am not able to maintain my self and Family by my Labour, sufficiently—You Humble petitioner prayeth your Honours will Consider him and Grant him the benefit of a Certain Act of the Honou[l] the Continental Congress made and provided for that purpose. * * * *

Joseph Huntoon

[Huntoon was wounded October 7, 1777, at Stillwater. In H. of Rep., June 25, 1779, his name was ordered to be placed on the pension roll at half pay until further orders. Senate concurred. April 19, 1780, he petitioned to have the depreciation of his pay made up. March 30, 1781, he petitioned for some arrearages, and stated that his dwelling-house was burned "on the 16th of February last," and that he thereby lost his house, furniture, and provisions. He was appointed in 1781 a lieutenant in the battery at "Piscataqua Harbour." October 21, 1785, he again petitioned, stating that his half-pay was reduced in December 1782, and asked to have it restored, as his right hand and arm were permanently disabled, and his family large. He petitioned again January 7, 1790, for arrearages.—Ed.]

[R. 4-124] [*Richard Brown, Quartermaster.*]

To the Hon[ble] the General Court of the State of New Hampshire. Oliver Tuttle and Mary his wife Humbly Shew—That Richard Brown late of Unity in said state deceased, was a Quarter Master in the second New-Hampshire Reg[t] late in the service of the United States—That the said Mary was the wife, and is the sole administratrix on the estate of said Brown—That the depreciation of wages, formerly due to the said Brown, have never been paid—Your Petitioners humbly pray, that your Honors will order all such depreciation (and other dues if any there be) to be paid to the said Mary Administratrix as aforesaid, or to the subscribers or either of them—and as in duty bound will ever pray Oliver Tuttle

Claremont Nov[r] 14th 1792— Mary Tuttle administratrix

WAKEFIELD.

The town was incorporated August 30, 1774, by its present name; previous to which it was called East town, under a grant from the Masonian proprietors.

By act of the legislature approved June 22, 1820, a gore of land, containing all that belonged to Wakefield on the northerly side of Province pond, was severed from this town and annexed to the town of Effingham.

June 23, 1858, an act was passed severing from the town of Milton a tract of land, and annexing the same to the town of Wakefield.

Andrew Quimby was in the First N. H. Regiment, enlisted March, 1781; discharged December, same year. He died in the service the following year.

[R. 4-125]

Wakefield Accompts of what has been paid the Soldiers by the Town.

Paid to Mr Benjn Dodge contl Soldier in provisions delivered to his wife in the year 1778, to the amount of £7, 15, 7

Provisions at ye old usual Prices, Corn 4/ pr Bushl

Beef at 2½d &c.

Ditto in the year 1779, Paid to Mrs Dodge in Provisions for her family at ye same prices ye sum of 3, 13, 6

to paid Ditto pr Ditto 2, 10, 0

Paid to Mr John Gilman continental Soldier in Provisions delivered his wife at the prices above mentioned

in the year 1778 the Sum of £6, 18, 0

Paid to Jonathan Morgan Contl Soldier for Wakefield for the year 1779, in Provisions at the prices above

By a written obligation 24, 0, 0

Paid to Capt Jeremiah Gilman & 15 Soldiers under him in the Bennington Expedition in ye year 1777,

£6, 8 each as Bounty 96, 0, 0

Paid to Mr James Clark & Jona Towl Soldiers for Wakefield nt to Rhode Island in ye year 1778, £30, each

seas Bounty £60, 0, 0

Paid to Mr James Clark Soldier for Rhode Island in 1779 so much as makes his wages equal to 40/ pr month as money was 1774,

Strafford ss: February 2nd 1780 then Jacob Wiggin & Samuel Hall as Selectmen of Wakefield personally appeared & made oath that the within account is a just & true account—

Before Simeon Dearborn Justl Peace

[R. 4-126] [*Soldiers' Receipts.*]

Wakefield April 28th 1781—

Received of the Town of Wakefield the sum of ten pounds two shillings lawful money at the rate of four shillings per bushel for Corn, in supplys for the family towards making up the one half of my husbands wages, who is in the army this for the year 1780.

Recd per Betty Dodge

[She also receipted, Feb. 18, 1782, for £10, 12s for part pay for her husband's wages for 1781.—Ed.]

[R. 4-128]

Wakefield October 18th 1782.

Received of Jeremiah Bachelder the Sum of Six pounds and twelve Shillings in provisions at the Rates Stipulated in the act for Supplying Soldiers families—

Lydia Leavitt

Attest—
Thomas Perkins Thomas Perkins iun

[R. 4-129] [*Peter Barter's Petition, 1782.*]

[In a petition dated Nov. 18, 1782, Peter Barter stated that he served in Capt. Bell's company in Col. Hale's regiment; was taken prisoner on the retreat from Ticonderoga, and was wounded in the thigh at Monmouth, in consequence of which he was rendered unfit for duty and sent home. He was ordered to the fort, and served under Col. Dame and Capt. Deering for three dollars per month, and requested to be put on half pay or discharged.—Ed.]

[R. 4-130] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Wakefield Sept 21 1784

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire—

Sir Plese to pay Daniel Cook or order all that is due to me for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty I having ben a Soldier in the Second New Hampshire Regt

Value Recd Witness my hand—

Timothy Ricker

Test—
Thomas Thomson James Chamberlin Thomas Perkins

[Other orders were given as follows:

1784, Sept. 21, Joseph Green, 3d N. H. Reg't
" " 23, Dearborn Loverin, Capt. Jacob Smith's Co. Reynolds Reg't.
" Oct. 4, Joseph Dearborn, Capt. Jacob Smith's Co. Reynolds Reg't.
1785 Jan. 8, Jonathan Quimby 2d N. H. Reg't.]

[Joseph Edgerly, age 35, was in Nathan Hale's Second Battalion; Jonathan Haseltine was in Capt. Benjamin Ellis's company, Scammell's regiment; Joshua Edgerly, age 29, enlisted in Capt. James Carr's company, Feb. 17, 1777; Jonathan Quimby, age 19, and Paul Sambourn, age 17, enlisted in same company, April 9. (Rev. Pap., Secretary's office.)—ED.]

[11-20] [*Petition for a Repeal of the Lumber Act: addressed to the Legislature, 1785.*]

The Petition of us, the Subscribers, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Wakefield, humbly sheweth that we are largely concerned in lumber, and understand Your Honours has passed some late acts at your last Session very hurtfull and injurious to us, and we believe to all other towns concerned in the lumber way. Therefore Humbly Request you would repeal the Act that requires all boards to inch thick and square edged, and other lumber in proportion—

And likewise to repeal the Act that prohibits any British vessel from carrying lumber to the British Islands in the West Indies that can procure British papers for that purpose, and to repeal the other act in regard to duty laid on tunnage on Ships or Vessels belonging to Foreigners which duty we look upon to be equal to shutting up our Ports against them. But if Your Honours dont see fit to grant the prayer of this Petition, we would request a Paper Currency on loan, or in such other way as your Wisdom may direct you to support the credit of said money—As in duty bound we ever pray—

Wakefield Augst 1785.

David Copp	Thomas Lindsay	Jacob Rundlet
Jeremiah Gilman	Winthrop Wiggin	Joseph Dearborn
Jonathan Palmer	Jonas Rich	Thomas Nudd
Andrew Gilman	John Wingate	William moor
Noah kimball	Nathan Mordogh	Nathel Balch
John Wiggin	Porter Gilman	John Gilman

Isaiah Wiggin	Elijah Allen	John Kimball
John Garland	Nathan Watson	Spencer Wentworth
Solomon Huchins	Dudley Gilman	Dudley Hardy
James huchens	Benj[a] Gilman	Sam[ll] Hall
Josiah Moor	Mayhew Clark	Daniel Hall
Samuel Chapman	Benjamin Dodge	Joseph Chapman
William Blasdell	Benjamin Perkins	Joseph Haines
Simeon Blasdell	Jacob Welch	Thomas Pirkins
Phinehas Low	Eliphalet Philbrook	Nathan Derborn
Clement Steel	Reuben Gove Dearborn	Richard wintworth
John Chapman		Simeon Wiggin

[11–21] [*Relative to Arrears of Taxes: addressed to the Legislature, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield,

Most humbly sheweth—

That Whereas the Expenses of hiring and paying Soldiers for the Continental Army in the course of the late War, amount to about ninety pounds more than have been already taxed on said Town; therefore your Petitioners pray the Honorable Gen[l] Court may be pleased to pass some order impowering the Selectmen of said Town to Levy the same on the Inhabitants; with a proportional part on the Non-residents Lands in said Town; with power also, to appoint a proper person to collect the said Tax; or otherwise relieve your petitioners as you, in your Wisdom, shall think most meet, and your petitioners will as in duty bound pray—

Wakefield 26th Novem[r] A. D. 1791.

Avery Hall
Isaac Fellows } Selectmen
John Wingate

[11–22] [*Petition for an incorporation of Union Library, 1797.*]

The petition of the subscriber in behalf of the proprietors of Wakefield and Brookfield Union Library, being impowered by a vote of the proprietors for the purpose aforesaid, humbly prays that Timothy Johnson, Avery Hall, Jonathan Palmer, David Copp, William Chamberlin may be incorporated into a body politic with all the power and privileges that the Legislature in their wisdom may see proper for the benefit and con-

tinuance of the said institution, and your petitioner for and in behalf of said proprietors in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

David Copp

Wakefield, June 5th 1797.

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1797, the foregoing petition was granted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

WALPOLE.

The township was first granted by the government of Massachusetts in 1736, and called No. 3. A meeting of the proprietors was held on the 29th of December of that year, at which they voted to "Exceipt of the Report of what ye Committee have Don in Laying out the House Lotts in said Township." The document next following contains a list of the drawing of said lots.

The township was granted February 13, 1752, by the government of New Hampshire, to Benjamin Bellows, of Lunenburg, Mass., and fifty-five others, with the usual reservations, and named Walpole. A plan of Walpole, Westmoreland, and Chesterfield, in folio 5, office of secretary of state, contains the following certificate:

"We the Subscribers Have Pursuant to the Direction of Mr Joseph Blanchard Jur appointed Serveyr of His Majestys Lands In the Province of Newhampr Serveyed and Marked Round the towns of Chesterfield Westmoreland and Walpole Lately Granted by his Exelency Benning Wentworth Esq Governor of the Province of Newhampr on the East side of Connectcutt River In sd Province & have here Delineated and Layd out the same according to the Lines Drawn—finished the 18th of March 1752

Benja Bellows } Serveyers"
Josiah Willard }

The conditions of the last-named grant not having been fulfilled, an extension was granted March 12, 1761, to continue "until our Plenary Instructions shall be received." The inhabitants did their full duty in the Revolutionary war, and a respectable number remained loyal to New Hampshire during the trouble with Vermont.

By an act of the legislature passed December 31, 1783, Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge, was authorized to erect a toll-bridge over Connecticut river at Bellows Falls.

Some territory was taken from the north part of the town, combined with a portion of Charlestown, and erected into the town of Langdon, January 11, 1787.

Walpole contains a large amount of excellent land, and is one of the most prosperous farming towns in the state.

Walpole men in 1st N. H. Regiment:

Daniel Ashley, enlisted Feb. 9, 1781; died Aug. 1, 1781.

John Baldwin, enlisted Dec. 21, 1777; discharged 1780.

Jona. Eastman, enlisted Feb. 21, 1777; died May 11, 1778.

Francis Joiner, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Nov. 18, 1779.

Thomas Johnson, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

Daniel Riter, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; died Sept. 1, 1779.

John Still, enlisted February, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

The latter was in the same regiment again in 1782.

[11–23] [*Records of Proprietors' Meetings.*]

A Meeting of the proprietors of the Township N° three Lying on the Easterly Side of Connecticut River Decem^r 29th 1736

John Flint Esqr Chosen Moderator for S^d meeting

Then voted and Chose Joseph Baker prop^rs Clerk and was Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of that office then proposed Whether they will Exceipt of the Report of What ye Committee have Don in Laying out the House Lotts in s^d Township—

Voted in the affermitive—

Then Voted that three Lotts Should Lye for publick uses with three affter Divisions viz one for ye first settled minister one for ye ministeral Lot and the other for ye School &c

Then the s^d prop^rs proceded and Drawed there Lotts and they ware Entered and Recorded as follows viz—

John Flint Esqr n° 12 on ye plain
Edward Flint N° 10 on ye plain
m^r Stephen Chase n° 5 on ye plain
John Lawrance n° 15 on ye plain
Sam^ll Smith n° 39 on ye hill Lotts so Caled
David Whitaker n° 4 on ye plain
Thom^s munroe n° 9 on ye plain

Samuel Lackey n° 1 on ye plain
Asa Doughlass n° 25 on ye hill
Sam^ll Hunt n° 20 on the hill
m^r Daniel Rogers n° 22 on ye hill
Jonath^n Fisk n° 3 on ye plain
Jeremiah Holman 3 on the hill
Sam^ll Wright n° 6 on ye plain
Benj^a Harwood n° 9 on ye hill
Thom^s Jones n° 26 on ye hill
Ebenezer Harwood n° 11 on ye plain
John munroe n° 40 on ye hill
Henry Yours n° 4 on ye hill
Sam^ll Winshop n° 8 on ye hill
Richard Armes n° 33 on ye hill
Benj^a Reed n° 29 on ye hill
Abner Kent n° 7 on ye hill
Jonath^n prescott n° 10 on ye hill
Benj^a Fitch n° 2 on ye plain
Jonath^n Wheeler n° 13 on ye hill
Anrow Macchure n° 21 on ye hill
John Muzzey n° 24 on ye hill
David Wetherbee 6 on ye hill
Josiah Conant n° 19 on ye plain
Josiah Jones n° 18 on ye hill
Joseph Wright n° 21 on ye hill
Joseph Baker n° 30 on ye hill
Francis Fletcher n° 23 on ye hill
Zacheus Whitney n° 34 on ye hill
Joseph Harwood n° 2 on ye hill
John Flagg n° 15 on ye hill
Israll Connant n° 20 on ye plain
John Ludgate n° 1 on ye hill
William Stacy n° 8 on ye plain
John Fox n° 2 on ye plain
Nath^ll Ball n° 7 on ye plain
James Cuttler n° 18 on ye plain
Joseph Adames n° 28 on ye hill
Sam^ll Whitemore 35 on ye hill
Jabez Keys n° 23 on ye plain
Thomas Ball n° 19 on ye hill
m^r James osgood n° 37 on ye hill
William Bowers n° 16 on ye plain
John Holding n° 32 on ye hill
Gershom Flagg n° 14 on ye hill
Hezekiah Dunkley n° 31 on ye hill
Willm Johnson n° 12 on ye hill
Isaac Miller n° 17 on ye hill

Charles Killiame n° 11 on ye hill
David Wood Esqr n° 16 on ye hill
Thomas Richardson 38 on ye hill
Zacheus Pirkins n° 14 on ye plain
Joseph Baker 17 on ye plain
David Come n° 27 on ye hill

Concord [Mass.] March 29th 1738

A meeting of the propr^rs of the Township n° three Lying on ye Easterly Side of Connecticut River the Following votes were Past viz—

Chose John Flint Esqr moderator for s^d meeting

then voted that they would Chuse a Committee to view and Clear away from the Assuvalotts Townships in ye most Convenant Place to ye s^d Township n° three and Bun ye woods also voted to Chuse Seven of S^d prop^rs to Effect Said affair at ye Charge of the prop^rs

voted that if Any of the Proprietors Shall See Cause to go with s^d Comm^tee and help Do ye work they shall have as good pay as s^d Comm^tee said Com^ttee being Impowered to Take a Suryeor to assist them in s^d affair

Decem^r ye 5 1738

A meeting of ye prop^rs of the Township n° 3 m^r James osgood moderator voted that they Exceipt of the Report of the Committee Chosen to view and Clear away from the assoway lot towns to s^d num^r three voted that Each proprietor pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings to ye prop^rs Clerk for ye Clearing and Laying out a way to ye afores^d Township

A meeting of the Prop^rs of the Township n° three Lying on ye Easterly side of Connecticut River August 20th 1751 Capt Benj^a Read Chosen moderator Proposed to Said prop^rs that if Ten or more of said prop^rs or others in there Rooms to ye Exceiptance of said prop^rs Shall Go on and settle there Lotts forthwith then Each proprietor Shall pay the sum of one pound Six Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money for ye In Courridgement & Speady Settlement of s^d Township voted in ye affermitive

ye meeting was adjoyrned to Novem^r 28 1751 at ye house of m^r Joneses at Concord

the said proprietors mett according to ye adjornment Novem^r 28 1751 voted to Raise twenty Shillings old tener for ye use of ye prop^rs for each Lott to pay then proposed to Grant to m^r Abner Sawyer for bulding a Saw mill in s^d Township two Hundred acres of Land if he bulds it at Cold River or two hundred & fifty if he bulds it at a place Called bever brook to

be Determined by a Committee which place it Shall be bult at the Said Sawyer to keep it in Good Repair fifteen years for Sawing and Said mill to be Completed and fit for Sawing by ye first Day of october next after Date voted on ye affermitive

proposed wether Isaac miller David page Thomas Adams Luke Brown & Benj^a Stowell to be ye Committee to Determine s^d mill place and to Take bond of Said Abner Sawyer for ye true performance of the foregoing vote voted on ye affermitive

Worcester February the 5th 1752

At a Meeting of the Prop^rs of the Township N^o Three on ye Easterly Side of Connecticut River and meett on ye Day afores^d—

Then voted and Chose John Hazeltine Esqr moderator for s^d meeting—

proposed whether they would Chuse a Committee to prefer a pitition to the Grate and General Court of the province of New-hampshire or to ye Gente^n Conceirnd in Granting Townships that they would be Pleased to Grant the afores^d Township to ye Said Prop^rs the said Township now falling within ye Said province of Newhampshire Voted In the affermitive then Voted and Chose John Hazeltine Esqr and m^r Abner Sawyer to procute and Effect s^d vote and Carry on s^d affair as they Shall think proper

Votd and Chose mr Isaac miller and David Cuttler the Colecters to Gather in s^d money Granted and voted and Chose Deacon Benj^a Woodbury Treas^r for s^d propri^rs

the above and foregoing votes are True Copys Taken out of ye prop^rs Book of Records of the Township N° 3 —— ——

Att^st Joseph Baker prop^rs Clerk

[*Original Grantees.*]

John Flint Esqr	John Ludgate	David Wetherbe
Edward Flint	Willm Stacey	Josiah Conant
mr Stephen Chase	John Fox	James Cuttler
John Lawrance	Nath^ll Ball	Joseph Adams
Sam^ll Smith	Jeremiah Holman	Samuel Whetemore
David Whiteaker	Sam^ll Wright	Jabez Keep
Thomas Munroe	Benj^a Harwood	Thomas Ball
Sam^ll Lackey	Ebenezer Harwood	m^r James osgood
Asa Douglass	John Munroe	Willm Bowers
Sam^ll Hunt	Thomas Jones	John Holding
m^r Daniel Rogers	Henry Yours	Gershom Flagg

Jonath^{n} Fisk	Samuel Winshop	Hezekiah Dunkley
Josiah Jones	Richard Armes	Willm Johnson
Joseph wright	Benj^{a} Read	Isaac Miller
Joseph Baker	Abner Kent	Charles Killime
Francis Fletcher	Jonath^{n} prescott	David wood Esqr
Zacheus Whitney	Benj^{a} Fitch	Thomas Richardson
Joseph Harwood	Jonath^{n} Wheeler	Zacheus Perkins
John Flagg	Androw Maclure	David Come
Isreal Conant	John Muzzey	Joseph Baker

The above Persons were the orignall Grantees of the Township n^{o} three Lying on ye Esterly side of Connecticutt River and at the Grate Falls &c as Entered on the proprietors Book of Records

Attst Joseph Baker pro^{rs} Clerk

Taken off s^{d} Book oct^{r} 18th 1752 and is a True Copy

Att^{s} Jos Baker pro^{rs} Clerk

[11–24] [*Petition for Encouragement to manufacture Linseed Oil: addressed to the General Court, 1773.*]

The petition of John Marcy and Ebenezer Swan of Walpole in the County of Cheshire and province aforesaid—Humbly sheweth that your petitioners, from the Generous motive of the publick good, as well as their own perticular profit and advantage, have determined to erect in the town of Walpole aforesaid a mill, for the purpose of making Linseed Oil; provided they may Enjoy such privileges and Advantages as are hereafter Mentioned and which (with Submission to your Excellencys and Honours Superior Judgment) your petitioners imagine to be absolutely Necessary either for publick utility or private advantage, experience teaches that when persons have under taken to prosecute any new scheme, which, in a few hands, might be advantageous to the publick and to the Managers, others (from hopes and Expectations of the great gains arising therefrom) undertake the same, to the Destruction of said business and to great Damage of those who First engaged therein, as your Excellency and Honours can't but be Sensible has been the case with regard to the Potash and Pearlash Trade your petitioners therefore being Apprehensive, that they might in this way, be great Sufferers, Humbly pray that Your Excellency and Honours would Grant them that no other person or persons whatever shall be allowed to Erect any Mill or Mills within the County of Cheshire aforesaid for and during the Term of

Twenty Years And your petitioners shall as in Duty Bound ever pray &c

May ye 8th 1773

John Marcy
Eben^r Swan

[In H. of Rep., May 26, 1773, voted that the foregoing petition be granted.—Ed.]

[R. 4-135] [*Petition in favor of Dr. Silas Baldwin, 1763.*]

The petition of Benjamin Bellows of Walpole our province aforesaid attorney to Doc^t Silias Baldwen of Darby In ye Colloney of Connectcut Humbly sheweth that the said Silus Baldwin In ye year 1757 was Desired by Majer Thomas Tash to take the Care of Sundry Sick Soulders under his Command belonging to Coll Mescerves Ridgment then stationed on Connectcut River below N° 4 So Called In ye province and that he ye s^d Tash would Se that ye province of Newhampshire should pay him for ye same acording to ye account here with presented and your petitioners disires that your Excelency and Honours would take it Into your Wise Consideration and Elow ye same as you shall think proper and your petetioner will be Oblidged as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

B Bellows

June 9th 1763

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1763, he was allowed £10 sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 4-136] [*Statement of County Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

The petition of Asa Brigham and others Committee appointed by the free Suffrages of the County of Cheshire Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas person Inimical to the Liberties of the free States of America frequent as is apprehended by this County Conveying Intelligence to our Enemies greatly to the Damage of the Common Cause—Therefore Humbly pray in Behalf of s^d County that some Resolve pass your Honours to hinder their progress, we would not think to Dictate but we humbly Conceive the method Come into by the Governor and Committee of Safety for Connecticut would be a Ready method to accom-

plish the aforesd Designs all which is humbly Submitted and your petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever pray—

Asa Brigham
Ephm Baldwin } Comee
Reuben Alexander

Walpole Augt 6th 1776

[Rev. Papers, page 11.]

[*Col. Bellows's Return of Officers in 16th Regiment, 1776.*]

Agreable to a Vote Passed in Congress at Exeter Jany 4th 1776, I herewith make return of the Commission Officers of the Several Companys in the Sixteenth Regiment of Militia in the Colony of New Hampshire—

1st Compy in Charlestown Abel Walker Captain, Samuel Wetherbe 1st Lieut James Farnsworth 2d Lieut Bradstreet Spafford Ensign—

2d Compy in Walpole Christopher Webber Capt John Janison 1st Lieut Levi Hooper 2d Do Ebenezer Swan Ensign—

3d Compy in Alstead Nathaniel Sartwell Prentice Captain, Andrew Beckwith 1st Lieut Edward Waldo 2d Do Oliver Shepherd Ensign—

4th Compy in Claremont Oliver Ashley Capt Samuel Ashley 1st Lieut Asa Jones 2d Do Lemuel Hubbard Ensign—

5th Compy in New Port, Samuel Hurd Captain, Jesse Wilcocks 1st Lieut Ezra Pamele 2d Do Jesse Lane Ensign—

6th Compy in Marlow, Samuel Canfield Capt Ruel Royse 1st Lieut William Reed 2d Do Eber Lewis Ensign—

7th Compy in Acworth, William Kyse Captain, Samuel Harper 1st Lieut John Rogers 2d Do

8th Company in Lemster, William Cary Captain Samuel Nichols 1st Lieut Silas Bingham 2d Do Jabez Beckwith Ensign—

9th Compy in Unity Nathaniel Huntoon Captain Amos Chase 1st Lieut Moses Thirston 2d Do Simeon Giddens Ensign—

10th Compy in Saville Samuel Gunison Captain Benjamin Thurbour 1st Lieut William Lang 2d Do George Lear Ensign

Benja Bellows Junr Colonel

Walpole March 15th 1776

To the Honble Council or Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire at Exeter

[11-25] [*Proceedings of a Committee who proposed to manufacture Fire-Arms, 1776.*]

Walpole Augt 14th 1776

At a Meeting of the Committee Chose by the County for to Set up and Carry on the Manufactory of Fire Arms—

First made Choice of Benjamin Bellows Junr Esq Chairman of said Com^{tee}—

Secondly Chose Thomas Sparhawk Esq Treasurer &c—

Thirdly Voted that Nathaniel Sartwell Prentice Esq be Impowered to hire and recive out of the Colony Treasury or otherwise the Sum of three Hundred Pounds Lawful money to be Expended in the Business of making Fire Arms within the County of Cheshire that he pay the same to Thomas Sparhawk Esq Treasurer of said Committee and that the Com^{tee} Chosen to Transact the Business aforesaid be Suerties for the aforesaid sum of money—

Benj^{a} Bellows Junr Chairman

[R. 4-137] [*Thomas Messer, sick Soldier, 1777.*]

Thomas Messer soldier in Cap Jason Waits Company and in Col Bedels Reg^{t} returning home to Walpole in the State of New Hampshire Sep 4, 1776 very sick and infirm from Ticonderoga I being called upon lent him the following Assistance which he is—Dr.—

Viz, Six visits 5 miles travel with medicine and sundry Medicines sent— £3, 12, 8

Errors Excepted—

Per Elkanah Day, Physician

Westminster 31, Oct^{o} 1777—

[Sworn to before Benjamin Bellows.—Ed.]

[R. 4-139] [*Petition of Isaac Calcott, 1778.*]

The petition of Isaac Calcott a Soldier in Capt Jason Waits Company in Col Ciellys Regiment Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner was taken Prisoner att the Battle of Hubbardtown the 7th of July 1777 and has Remained A Prisoner Ever Since till ye 17th Day of October 1778 when he was Exchanged att Boston by A Carteel from Halifax Whereby Your Petitioner has Liberty to Join his Regiment but he is Entirely Destitute of Money to Bear his Expences on the Road Wherefore Your

Petitioner prays Your Honours to Grant him Some part of his past wages or So much Money as will Enable him to Go to the Army and Join his Regiment and to Leave Some with his wife and Child who has Not had any Money Since he was taken Prisoner and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Isaac Calcott

Exeter Novr 6th 1778

[November 7, 1778, he was allowed £10. Isaac Calcott is on Col. Cilley's roll of absentees, dated Valley Forge, January 10, 1778, age 43. Reported a prisoner in Canada. —Ed.]

[R. 4–141] [*Soldier's Order, 1780.*]

For Value Re^{d} Sir plese to pay to the Barrer five pounds Which is my Bunty money: and Six months Wages: or that part of S^{d} Wagges that the State pays; for Six Months Sarvice that I have Done in the Continental armey in the first New Hampshire Reg^{mt} Commanded By Co^{ll} Joseph Cilers and in Capt mody Dustines Companey Said Service Commenct on or aboute the first of July and Ending the Last Day of December 1780, and this Order Shall be your Discharge for Said Bounty and Wagges from me

Walpole December ye 22 1780 Hugh his × mark Warrin

Witness Elisha Fullam
Phinehes Brown

To the pay master General Orr his deputy or Who Soever Shall pay the sad waggs

[Superscribed] This money to be paid General Bellows.

[11–27] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge over Connecticut River: addressed to the General Court, February, 1780.*]

Humbly show

The Inhabitants of the Towns of Charlestown, Rockingham, Walpole, Westminster and Westmoreland.—That the having a Bridge over Connecticut River, at a place called the Falls, in the north part of Walpole; would be greatly advantageous, not only, to the Inhabitants of the Towns aforesaid; but to the publick in general—And that it is the opinion of several skillful

Architects, that a good and durable Bridge, might be laid across the River, at the said Falls—And as the Benefits arising from having a Bridge there, would extend to numbers, who can't, by the laws now in force, be compeled to contribute to the expence of it—Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that a Lottery may be granted for the purpose of raising a sum of money for the building a Bridge as aforesaid, and that the business may be commited to the Care of such persons (Inhabitants of the Towns aforesaid) as to you shall seem good—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Sam^{ll} Hunt	Ben. West	William Hutchins
Lem^{l} Hastings	Bulkley Olcott	Dudley Chase
Joseph King	Josiah Johnson	Joseph Higgins
Oliver Corey	Josha allcot	Step^{h} Yeomans
Elijah King	Oliver Lovell	James Butterfield
Shen Kentfield	Simon Sartwel	Aaron Brown
John Hubbard	Eben^{r} Swan	Edward How
Jon^{a} Hubbard	Robert Wier	Elijah Temple
John Haskins	John Smith	Daniel Carlile
Thos Putnam	Isaac Johnson	William Temple
Stephen Alvord	Benj^{a} Bellows	Elias Gates
Abel Walker	George Aldrich	Abner How
Elisha Dickinson	Isaac Butterfield	Joseph Lord
Sim. Olcott	Jonathan Cole	William Brockway

[11–26] [*Relative to Convention to form a Constitution; Grievances, etc.*]

To the Hon^{le} Committee appointed by the Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire to hear matters of Grievance to the Inhabitants of said State on Connecticut River.

The Town of Walpole, by us, their Committee, lay before your Honors the following matters of Complaint, to themselves and others; which were the ground and reason of their giving such Instructions to Capt Webber their Representative as they did, which, no doubt you are acquainted with; We do not pretend to give Law to others, but to assert our own Rights, and to act the part we take as the Publick Good requires.—

The general uneasiness which subsists in the County above us, on account of their supposed unequal Representation as well as in other parts of the State, together with our transition from Dependence to Independence in our opinion, render it expedient to form a lasting Plan of Government as soon as may be: The Precepts from Congress to choose the Representatives that formed the present Plan and the recommendation from the

Continental Congress, had reference only to the continuance of our Contest with Great Britain in our Dependent State; which now ceas[d] we apprehend a new and lasting Plan is necessary to be formed. And if the necessary business of the State forbid the dissolution of the present Assembly, and calling a new one for the purpose aforesaid, that the present Assembly issue Precepts to the several incorporated Towns within the State for such a Number of Delegates to be proportioned to the several Counties within the state as they, the Assembly, shall think proper for the express purpose of the Organization of Government; that a plan thereof be sent to each Town for their approbation; Which, being approved of by a Majority, shall be the Constitutional Plan of Government for this State; and after issuing Writs for the choice of Representatives on said Plan the Convention then to dissolve themselves. And we are the rather inclined to persist in our Opinion of the expediency of this measure, because of the alarming behavior of some that have been and still are Members of Council or House, in recommending one another or their particular inmates to places of publick trust, confining all Offices as much as may be to themselves, setting bad precedents of venality and avarice; In requiring Money for bringing up Commissions to Civil or Military Officers; In treating one another at the Cost and Charge of the Field Officers of this Regiment under the notion (to use the common phrase) of Wetting their Commissions, which spunging practice we imagine has a dangerous tendency; In appointing a Sheriff in this County, before Col[l] Hunt, to whom it was offered, refused to accept—

And in that no method is as yet taken to support the Ministers of the Gospel, but a present Member has encouraged many in Charlestown, to refuse to fulfill the publick Contract of the Town for that purpose—And in as much as many of the Representatives of this part of the State, are sent out of the House to transact such business as might be done by others, whilst their Constituents, during their absence, remain unrepresented. We charge not these things upon all of the present Hon[le] Council and House many of Whom we highly honor, respect and esteem for their Spirited exertions for the Weal and Prosperity of Church and State; particularly in condescending to travel so far to hear and enquire into the causes and grounds of our uneasiness—Yet that what we complain of is real, we want not proof; redress we cannot expect, while the persons pointed at remain in the Assembly, with unlimited influence and importance, to which, we hope these Facts thus stated and held up to publick view will at least be a curb and restraint. If any of these matters of Grievance appear trivial to some, and of small importance, they do not appear so to us; The instances of

Avarice and venality we have hinted at are alarming: And for a Member of Council or House to encourage the violation of publick contracts for destroying the standing Ministers and Churches is what we cannot but dislike, in a peculiar manner; as we are fully of the opinion that Religion is a principal Barrier if not the foundation of Civil Government, and that the Teachers of it ought, even in a political view. to be supported and maintained.—Not out of a querulous humour, but anxious for the preservation of our Rights not only Civil but Sacred, wh^ch^ are struck at, and which the disposition of to, too many belonging to the Assembly, give us just reason to think, they are no Friends to.—We here lay before your Honors our Complaints, and are ready to be rectified in any Mistakes we have made, much more are we desirous of being eased of these burdens.—

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Walpole, Feby 3^d^ 1777.

Voted that Elisha Marsh Esqr Lieut: Levi Hooper, Samuel Trott Esqr Capt John Marcy Capt Josiah Goldsmith, Lieut: Amos Babcock and Mr Barnabas Delano be a Committee to wait upon the Committee appointed by the General Assembly, to hear and enquire into the Cause of uneasiness, in this, and other parts of the State; And that the above be exhibited to said Committee as the grounds of our uneasiness and discontent.

Attest Benj^a^ Bellows Junr Town Clark

[11–28] [*Statement relative to Vermont Controversy, etc., 1781.*]

The representation of sundry Inhabitants in the Town of Walpole in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire to the Hon^le^ Legislature of said State Anxious for the good of New Hampshire, by an inclusion of all its Grants within its Territorial Jurisdiction, and suspicious, lest thro' the influence of some, who had not the same opinion with us, concerning the true interest of said State, a Claim should not be laid, and efficaciously prosecuted over said Tract of Land; Some, well affected then, and still firmly attached to the interest of New Hampshire, did set forward a Convention of Delegates from the several Towns in the County of Cheshire for the purpose of a Union of the whole of the New Hampshire Grants (so called) as their doings shew—when a more general Convention from all the Towns on the Grants was agreed upon; by whom, at their meeting a Union was agreed upon with the

State of Vermont (so called) of this County and the County of Grafton to Masons line, upon terms inconsistant (as we imagine) with our connection with this State, and our fidelity to the united States, and unequal in themselves; as to us—

Against which union some protested in Convention but to no purpose, we, in our Town Meetings for its ratification and completion have entered our protests against it, but a Majority have prevailed against us, so as to prevent a compliance with your Requisitions, for Men, Money & Beef, except that agreeable to our usual expedition we have raised our Men saveing one for filling up the Continental Battalions. Our case is pitiable and calls for speedy direction and relief; we have ever thought ourselves members of one of the Thirteen united States, and that all the Territory between Nova Scotia and Canada was under the Jurisdiction of some one of these States: We have been practically united with Hampshire in framing the present temporary Constitution in form^s and continuing the Continental Congress, in submitting to, & complying with their recommendations, and some of us have sworn to be faithful to this State—To be cutt off from the United States (as we must by a union with Vermont) and not be included in their Confederation is what we most heartily deprecate—& if more strenuous exertions are not made, by the State to which we profess to belong, than we have yet felt, we must sink under the unequal contest. Our scituation is perplexed a majority of our Selectmen are for Vermont, one Constable also, Town affairs are stagnated, we know not what to do, desire you to inform us—Orders have issued for choosing Officers Civil and Military & some who were formerly suspected of being unfriendly and were confined within certain limits by men forward in this union and under solemn Obligations of fidelity to this State, are preferred to office—We have as many men required of us as tho' we had done little or nothing in the War,—The denial of the authority of Congress and a separation from the united States fills us with solicitude—We look therefore to you as the Guardians of our Rights and Priviledges as the Political Fathers of this State for direction respecting the Premises. To use importunity and freedom is our duty in present circumstances; we desire something Catagorical and conclusive by way of answer to the following queries—whether you mean to consider the Grants East of Connecticut River as a part of your State, and to exercise jurisdiction over the inhabitants thereon? Whether the Assembly will urge it upon our Delegates in Congress that this unhappy dispute may be speedily bro't to an issue? for by the by, we are unwilling to submit to a Constitution of Gover^t we have no voice in forming and officers not of our choosing, tho' Anarchy and confusion we deprecate More-

over whether it be advisable to submit to any mandates from Vermont, and how far to resist? whether we can raise Men, Money Beef &c for the use of the Army, individually considered, and have the same discount so much of our proportion of the publick Debt? By the exertions of the dying authority of this State we have appointed the bearer hereof to continue to set in the convention at Concord provided you give a favorable answer to this we wait your resolutions with impatience—wishing prosperity to this and the United States we Subscribe

Walpole May 25th 1781

Benj^a Bellows	John Meriam	John Jenison
John Kilburn	Jonathan Jenison	Benjamin Smith
Josiah Goldsmith	Aaron allen	Elisha Fullam
John Bellows	Joshua Gilman	William Joyner
Isaac Johnson	Roland Hall	Isaac Johnson Junr
Martin Ashley	James Lewis	Jon^a Shipman
Joseph Griswold	John Meriam Junr	Jonathan Bixby
Christopher wells	Abijah Parker	Theodore Bellows
Samuel Trott	Lemuel Stone	Thomas Bellows
Alex^r m^cneill	Barnabas Willy	
Cons^t Gilman	Daniel Whipple	

[A superscription on the foregoing is as follows: "Petition from Walpole Westmoreland & Swanzey."—Ed.]

[11–29] [*Petition for Authority to erect a Toll-Bridge over Connecticut River: addressed to the General Court, October, 1783.*]

Enoch Hale of Rindge in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid Esqr Humbly Sheweth that the Passing over Connecticut River in the western Part of this State has in Some Seasons of the year been Impracticable and at maney Times has been attended with the Loss of Cattle horses and Even of mens Lives—and your Petitioner beeing of opinion that a Bridge might be arected & Built over Said River much to the advantage and Safety of the Publick Travil—wherefore your Petitioner Humbly Prayes, that he may have the Liberty and Previledge Granted to him his Heirs and assigns forever of Building & keeping in Repair a Good and Surficient Bridge over Said River at or Near the Great falls in the Town of warlpole Commonley Called Bellows^s-falls and that your Petitioner his heirs and assignes may be entitled To Receive the Same Pay from all Passingers that may Pass over the Same for them Selves

their Cattle horses or Carrigies & other accoutraments as aney ferriman hath been entitled to Receive for doing & Performing the Same Service with a Boat over the Said River—and your Petitioner as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Rindge october 24th 1783

Enoch Hale

[A charter was granted to Col. Hale Dec. 31, 1783.—Ed.]

[R. 4-142] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

To the Treasurer of Newhampshire

Sir please to pay Jonathan Ramsey what wages is due to me for the year 1781 and this Order shall be your Sufichant discharg from me it being fo Vallue Recd by me at Walpole this 24th July 1784

Nathel Dow

Isaac his mark × Davis

——— Rogers

Walpole Novr 16th——

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire,

please to pay to Robert B. Wilkins, all the Depreciation of wages due to me as a Soldier in the 3d New Hampshire Regt in the Late Army of the United States and his Rect Shall be your discharge from me—

Test John moore

John Marten

[R. 4-143] [*Samuel Eastman, Soldier, 1785.*]

The Petition of Jonathan Eastman of walpole Humbley Sheweth that your Petitioner had a Son Samuel Eastman who inlisted february 1778 a Soldier into Jason waits Company in Colo Cileys Rigement in the Continental Army and Served till August 24 Day 1778 on which he Died—and as their has neaver Ben Eany Return of him on the Roals in the Comiee on Claimes Office I Am Deprived of his wagers and what is Justley Due to me—now your Petitioner hath no Oather Resort But to your Honours—Therefore prays that you would take his Cais into your wise Consideration and grant him Relaif By giveing him An order on the Treasurer or Eany Oather way as your Honours in your greait wisdom Shall Think fitt—and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will Eaver Pray

Jonathan Eastman

Walpole may 24th 1785

This may certify that the above named Samuel Eastman was the Son of the above named Jon[a] Eastman that the said Samuel hath no legal Heir excepting his said Father

Tho Sparhawk

Walpole Jan[y] 26th 1785

[11-30] [*Benjamin Bellows for a Ferry, 1785.*]

To the Hon[ble] the Senate and House of Representatives to be convened at Concord October 20th 1785

Humbly Shews Benjamin Bellows of Walpole in the County of Cheshire

That a Committee being appointed by said County to alter the road in said Town of Walpole in Order to Accommodate the Public, it will be Necessary said road should pass through Land of your Petitioner and others and that a Ferry will be a great Additional Advantage thereto—

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays Your Honors to grant to him and his heirs the Privelege of a Ferry from the South line of Walpole three miles as the River runs North, which will not interfere with any other Ferry already granted or now prayed for under such restrictions and Limitations as Your Honors in Your Wisdom shall see meet and your Petitioner shall ever pray—

Benj[a] Bellows

Walpole Oct[r] 10th 1785—

[The charter asked for in the foregoing was granted in 1786.—Ed.]

[11-31] [*Petition for a Grant of Powder to clear the Channel at Bellows Falls: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Enoch Hale of Rindge in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid Esq[r]—in behalf of a number of the Inhabitants in the western Part of said State most Humbly Sheweth that the Situation of the Great Falls in Connecticut River in the town of walpole in said State is such by means of Large Rocks and in perticular one Great Barr laying acrost the Chanel that maney persons Suffer Grate damage in Giting masts and other Timbers down said River—and as maney persons has proposed to Subscribe according to there abillities to Clear the said Channel for the Safety of bringing down Timber as also with hopes of

leting up the fish which has Ever been Stoped by the aforesaid Barr—and as the want of powder appears to be the Greatest hindrence in the prosicuting of said work wherefore your petitioner Humbly prays that the powder Now Stored in Charlestown in said State in the Care of Elijah Grout Esqr and belonging to the said State may be Granted for the use aforesaid under such Restrictions and Regulations as your Honors shall see meet and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

Enoch Hale

Concord February 11th 1785

[11–32] [*Relative to Territory taken for the formation of Langdon, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire To the Honorable General Court of said State—

The petition of Benjamin Bellows and others in behalf of the town of Walpole in said State humbly sheweth, that at the request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Eastwardly part of Charlestown in said State, the Inhabitants of said Walpole, (at a legal meeting on the fifth day of April Anno Domini 1786) voted very unanimously, to set off all the Land in said Walpole North of the North Line of the Hon^{le} George Atkinson's Land, in the Northwardly part of said Walpole, beginning at the East Line of said Walpole and extending to Connecticut River, for the purpose of forming a Town or Parish with the said Eastwardly part of said Charlestown, that at the meeting aforesaid, it was proposed to have such a part of said Walpole, only, set off, as hath been set off and established by the last General Court, to which proposal said Walpole would not agree, neither would they vote off any part of the town, unless in the manner first abovementioned, because it would leave Walpole in a disagreeable form, besides other Inconveniences and Disadvantages, notwithstanding all which, said Walpole have been informed, that the Gentleman who represented them the last year, used his influence and really did influence the hon^{le} Court in this matter, contrary to the minds of his constituents—Wherefore said Walpole at their Annual Meeting in March last, did authorize and appoint your petitioners, the Subscribers, a Com^{tee} to lay before your honors the disadvantages arising from said Walpoles being left in such a form as now is, and in order hereto we would state in, addition to what is abovesaid, these facts following viz that it leaves a Slip of Land adjoining the River aforesaid, One Mile and two hundred Rods in length &

two hundred and Fifty Rods wide, that there is two Miles or more of Road and some of it very bad, to repair that the inhabitants of said Walpole must be obliged to travel nearly Seven Miles to work upon said Road, and in order to give your Honors to understand more clearly as well as to prove the facts aforesaid, a plan of the town agreeable to the first Survey, and of its present form, will be herewith exhibited Wherefore your petitioners (in behalf of s^d^ Walpole) humbly pray your honors to take the subject matter of this petition into your wise Consideration, and grant that said Walpole may be divided agreeable to the Vote aforesaid, or that the lands already set off may revert and be reannexed to said Walpole and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Walpole June 4th 1787

Benj^a^ Bellows } Com^tee^
Tho Sparkawk }

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1787, a hearing was ordered for the next session. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[11-37] [*John Bellows for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

The Humble petition of John Bellows—sheweth—That for the conveniency of the Inhabitants of the Town of Walpole in perticular and benefit of the public in general it is necessary a Ferry should be established across Connecticut river—between the ferries already granted to Benjamin Bellows late of Walpole deceased and Benjamin Bellows now of Walpole—Wherefore your petitioner prays that a ferry may be granted to him between the aforesaid grants under such restrictions and regulations as in your Wisdom shall appear good—and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray—

John Bellows

[The grant was made in November, 1792.—Ed.]

[R. 4-145] [*Petition of John Nott, 1793.*]

More last words of John Nott—

most humbly and respectfully sheweth John Nott of Springfield in the State of Vermont, a poor, injured and much distressed Citizen of this depraved world, the Inhabitants of which, he, to his great cost and distress perceives are subject and liable

to many and very great mistakes and false notions in respect to what is in fact Just and equitable, and the more especially in regard to questions in which the Judges themselves are a party —Your honors will be pleased to pardon your petitioner, and once more, in your clemency, with patience hear his cries, prayers and entreaties, which he fully believes has long before this time reached the throne of Grace—Your Petitioner had not the fortune to be born a King, a Governor, a Senator nor a Representative, but he had the misfortune to have been the father of a Son by the name of Jesse Nott, who, though the son of a poor and unfortunate man, was esteemed and perhaps was, in nature, as likely as though he had been the son of a King, Governor, Senator, or Representative, & one in whom your Petitioner placed much greater dependance for aid and assistance, in case of old age, poverty, or disability of body, all of which have overtaken him, than any of the aforesaid classes of men have any necessaty to place in a Son—Your Petitioner further sheweth, that in time of the late war with great Britain, Glorious for your Honors, and much the reverse for your Petitioner, and much more so for his poor and unfortunate son Jesse Nott, the said Jesse Inlisted as one of the quota of this State, and was afterwards draughted into General Washingtons Guards, and the said Jesse, while in said service fighting in defince of, and to procure your Honors liberty and the right of holding your seats in the Legislature in order to do Justice to the distressed, lost his life, at which time there was due to him upwards of twenty pounds from this State, to recover which your Petitioner has gone through perils by sea and perils by land, perils at home and perils in a strange Country, in order to remove all the objections that the art and cuning of humane, or rather inhumane, creatures could invent against his receiving said small sum, the price of his said Sons life—Your Petitioner begs leave further to show, that having removed all the objections that ever had been made against his receiving the price of his poor & unfortunate Sons life, he came forward at this time flush'd in the expectation of receiving something in part to compensate him for the unwearied pains he has taken to recover the same, in order to save him from impending ruin —the objections heretofore made against said money being paid was that your Petitioner had given an order to one French therefor, which is now proved to have been taken back, and though it appears that said order, supposing it had not been given back was drawn in February 1789 and the money was drawn on the 24th of April 1788—more than a Year before the date of sd order, and it is now suggested, as your Petitr is informed, that after sd order was taken back another order was obtained from your Petitr by virtue whereof sd money was prob-

ably drawn, which is a felo-de-se—and beside as there is no order, neither true nor forged in this State by virtue of which s^d money was drawn, Your Petitioner flatters himself that your Honors no longer will delay payment thereof—and thereby, (in case of longer delay) be the means of numbering him with his son Jesse Nott Deceas'd, whose life was as near and dear to your Petitioner as the life of a Son of any of your Honors is, or can be to you, or any of you—

wherefore Your petitioner, in the utmost distress, prays your Honors once more to consider and reconsider his unhappy situation, and give him liberty to be heard before Your Honors by himself and council, if any he can procure, and grant him such relief as to you may seem Just and he, as in duty bound, will pray no more—

John Nott

[He had petitioned several times before without success, and this met with the same fate. In some of his petitions he stated that his son served for Walpole. He petitioned again in 1795, in which he stated, "I have atended five seshons & two Jornies from Springfield into this State to the amount of fourteen Hundred miles & from Springfield to felodelphe seven hundred & fifty miles more forth & Back in all twenty one hundred & fifty miles and also Eight months & ten days time." In H. of Rep., June 11, 1795, he was allowed £22.11.6, and thereupon returned thanks as follows.—Ed.]

To the Hon^rl Gen^rl Court whareas your Hon^rs have with grate Patience Considered my hard case & have Voted me my money I with the Gratest grattetitude Give your Hon^rs my Unfained Thanks as your Very Hum^bl Se^rt John Nott

Hanover June 12, 1795.

WARNER.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts in 1735 to Thomas Stevens and others, many of whom were residents of Amesbury, in that province. It was called No. 1, and later, New Amesbury. The Masonian proprietors claimed the territory after the settlement of the province line, and granted it to seventy-six men, March 14, 1749. These grantees were mostly residents of

Rye and New Castle, many of them bore the name of Jenness, and the town was sometimes called Jenness-town. Settlements were made in 1762 by Daniel Annis and Reuben Kimball, and the town contained about fifty families in 1774.

December 29, 1767, the township was again granted by the Masonian proprietors to Jonathan Barnard and others, in consideration of the sum of £180. The town was incorporated by the governor and council, August 30. 1774, and named Warner, although the inhabitants desired to have it called Amesbury. This, however, is not an exception, as Gov. Wentworth named several other towns to please himself and friends regardless of the wishes of the inhabitants of the town.

A difference of opinion exists as to the derivation of the name, which has led to some controversy. Hon. Walter Harriman, the author of an interesting history of the town, claims that it was named in honor of Seth Warner, of Bennington, one of the New Hampshire grants, now situated in the state of Vermont, and gives his reasons therefor in full in that work. Others have claimed that it was named in honor of Hon. Daniel Warner, at that time a member of the governor's council. The editor, after considerable research, finds himself of the opinion that Gov. Wentworth named the town for his intimate friend, Col. Jonathan Warner, of Portsmouth, who married a cousin of the governor's, and was, at the time of the incorporation of Warner, a member of the governor's council.

By an act approved June 13, 1818, a tract of land known as Kearsarge Gore, with the inhabitants thereof, was annexed to Warner. Kearsarge mountain, one of the finest elevations in the central part of the state, is located on this territory.

Warner men in First N. H. Regiment:

Stephen Colby enlisted February 21, 1781; reported killed November 2, 1781.

Isaac Lowell enlisted May, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Daniel Young enlisted January 27, 1778; discharged December, 1780.

[11–39] [*Record of Proprietors' Meeting, 1741.*]

att a meeting of the Propritors of the Township No. one in the Line of Towns held by an Adjurnment from the 18th day of January 1741 for first day of feburary folowing and then met att the house of Jonathan Barnard Inholdr in Almsburey

Att the Same meetinge voted That Thomas Rowel Esqr and Joseph Juell Be a Committee to prefer a Petition in the name of the proprietors to the Governour and Council in the province of New Hampshire in order to obtain orders and directions therefrom to bringe forward the Setlment of Sd Township

a True Coppy as attst by me

Jonathan Barnard Proprietors Clark

[R. 4–150] [*Roll of Daniel Flood's Co.*]

this is a List of Captain Floods Company Daniel Flood Capt thomas Rowell first Levt Philip Flanders 2 Levit Joseph Currier Ensign

Abner Chase	James palmer	moses Clement
Abner Watkins	Isaac Chase	Nathaniel Trumbull
Christopher Flanders	Isaac Waldron Juner	Richard Goodwin
David Bagley	Jonathan gould	Robert gould
Daniel Currier	Joseph foster	Stephen Edmonds
David Annis	Jonathan Fyfield	Samuel trumbull
EbenEzar Eastman	James Flanders	thomas Anis
Ezra Flanders	Jonathan Smith	Wells Davis
Edmond Sawyer	John palmer	Zebulon Davis
FranCis Davis Juner	moses Call	theophilus Currier

gone in the Service

Jacob Waldron	David Gilmore	moses Clark
Jacob tucker	Daniel yong	paskey pressey
Isaac Walker	Hubard Carter	

Larm List men

Daniel annis	Joseph Sawyer	William Kelley
Daniel Flanders	Jonathan palmer	Baniamen Currier
Daniel annis Juner	Jacob Hoyt	Samuel Robe
Francis Davis	Nehemiah Heath	Seth goodwin
Isaac Waldron	permenius Watson	

Sir I have sent you a return of my Compeny according to your ordrs wee mustered and Can not make out to Chuse any Serjants as yet as for fire arms wee have not got half Enough

and where to get them wee know not our men Saith they Cannot get guns for they are not in the Country & Shall See you nex^t week—

this from yours to serve Daniel Flood

To Major Chandler, in Hopkinton.

[R. 4-151] [*Soldiers' Deposition relative to Back Pay, 1777.*]

November ye 8: 1777. Then Paskey Pressey Ezekel Goodwin Samuel Trumbrel franies Davis all of Warner in the State of Newhampshire in ye County of Hillsborough yeoman Parsonaly appeared and Being Duly Examined and Corshened made Solomn Oath That Thay Sarved as Solders in Capt William Stillson Company in Colo^l Wymans Rigiment at Mont independence in the year 1776, for five months and Rece'^d ower Pay untill the month of November and Never Recv^d any Pay for Said November Not by ower Selves nor orders Direct nor inderact and that thay never Recv^d aney Traveling money Nor aney Saus* money During Said Sarves Except ower Traveling money from hom to Said mount Independance which we Recv^d—and thare fore Prays that Honor^bl house of Representives or Comitee of Safty of Said State would alow Said month Pay and the Remaining Part of ower traveling money and Sauce money

Examined and Sworn before me—

Coram Jeremiah Page Justice of Peace

[R. 4-152] [*Return of Soldiers enlisted, 1778.*]

Warner January the 28—1778

persuant to orders and according to the Resolution of this State for Rasing and Equiping A Certain number of men for the Servace During the war or for three year our prepotion was Six men which wee have got in full their names are as followeth—

Hubbard Carter During war
Amos Flood for three year
Philip Rowell for three year
Aquillar Davis three year
Daniel young for three year
william mcBrittan of Savell three year

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* Money was furnished soldiers, sometimes, to purchase vegetables, which was called by them "sauce money."—Ed.

all these men belongs to our own town but one which we hired of Savell &c the town will pay Hubbard Carter the money as soon as they Can Colect it Daniel yong is Ready for you when you Call for him to go to the armey or to pass muster or Elsewhere that he is wanted—

Daniel Flood Capt

To Colo. Thomas Stickney, in ConCord, with care.

[11-42] [*Relative to Election of Representative: addressed to the Council and H. of Rep., 1778.*]

Sirs acording to a Precept Received To Chuse a Representative we Proceeded and Chose mr Daniel Morrill who hes Since Refused to Serve we therefore Pray your honors that a Precept may Be Issued for the Choice of another

Warner Feb^{ry} ye 11th 1778

Danl Flanders } Select
Jacob Hoyt } men

[R. 4-153] [*Return of Soldiers, 1780.*]

State of new Hampshir
Warner June the 30—1780

agreeable to an act passed June the Sixteenth for raising Six hundred Good able bodied men out of this State for to fill up the battalions of this state in the continental armey in Compliance thereto wee have raissed said men which two was our propotion as followeth—ISaac Dolton James pressey

this is the return of Capt Daniel Flood

Colo Stickney I am afraid Said men Cannot get ready So Son as is required of them by reason of having my orDers So late

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[R. 4-154] [*Return of Soldiers, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire Warner July the 8 1780

persuant to orders Dated July the first for to raise five men out of my Company and according to orders I have proceeded have Raised four men for to Joyn the armey and gave them orders to be at Amherst by the 12 Day of this month

John palmer
Nathaniel Trumbull
Israel Rand
Simon palmer

I have alSo Draughted EbenEzar Eastman for to go to Haverrill in Coos and ordered him to be at Concord by the tenth of this Instant to pass muster and then to proceed on to Coos there to remain till further orders

Daniel Flood

To Col° thomas Stickney in Concord

[R. 4-155] [*Simon Ward, Soldier.*]

Warner Jany 23rd 1789

We do hereby relinquish all our right and title to any emoluments that may be due to Simon Ward for doing a short Turn of Service in the late American army for this Town of about nine or 12 months in the year '79 or '80—

Benjamin Sargent } Select men
Richard Bartlett } Warner

[R. 4-156] [*Certificate of Simon Ward's Service, 1780.*]

This may certify that Simon Ward has serv'd the United States in Capt Chase's Company, Second New Hampshire Regiment, One year, being the time he engag'd for. And is hereby discharg'd the service—

West Point June 25, 1780—

Caleb Robinson Capt
Command^g 2^d N H Reg^t

Whom it concerns Civil or Military

[R. 4-159] [*William Lowell, wounded at Bunker Hill.*]

This may certify that Mr William Lowel of this town Was badly wounded in the battle at bunker Hill, June 17th 1775 Which has in a great measure rendered him unable to Support His family—he being then a Sargant in Capt Willm H. Ballard Company and Col^r Frys Regiment to all Concerned

James flanders }
Benjamin Sargent } Selectmen of Warner—
Challis Foot }

[R. 4-160] [*Certificate of Major Ballard.*]

Warner December 31st 1788—

This may certify that William Lowell a late resident in the town of Amesbury and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and now a resident in the town of Warner and state of New-Hampshire; served in my company in Colⁿ Fryes Rigiment, as a Sergeant and he the said Lowell was wounded in the battle at Bunker-hill, June 17th 1775; and has suffered much by the badness of his wound, at that time was looked upon to be mortal.

Wᵐ Hudson Ballard Major

[R. 4-161] [*Certificate of Dr. Kittridge.*]

This may certify, that William Lowell—a Soldier in Colˡ Fry's Regiment, was wounded in the Battle on Bunker's Hill, June 17th 1775 by a ball passing through the cavity of the Abdomen, which enter'd in about 2 inches from the 9th vertebræ of the Back, and so passing in an oblique direction, in through the Latissmus Dorsi, & out through the Rectus Abdominis, was under my care during the case—

Thomas Kittridge Surgⁿ to said Regᵗ

[R. 4-162] [*Soldier's Order, 1791.*]

Warner Octʳ 26th 1791

To William Gardner Esq Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire please to pay to Robᵗ B: Wilkins all the wages in your hands due to me as a Soldier in the 3ᵈ New Hampshire Regᵗ in the late Army of the United States and his Recᵗ Shall be your Discharge from me—

Test witness my hand

Samuel ordway Aquila Davis

[11-40] [*Relative to an Allowance for Soldiers, 1786.*]

To the Honᵇˡᵉ the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Concord on the first Wednesday in June 1786.

The petition of David Bagley and others in behalf of the Inhabitants of the town of Warner in the County of Hillsborough shews—that in February last, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer of this State by the Honᵇˡᵉ John Langdon Esq then

President, therein directing him to pay to said town of Warner, by Discount out of the State Taxes, due for the deficiency of Soldiers, Forty pounds with Interest from May second 1781, and also forty pounds with Interest from June 14th 1781, to this time —being so much allowed to them for four Soldiers raised agreeable to an Act of Court passed March 21—1782—which Order has since appeared to be wrong, as one of the men to wit, Barnet Lowel, to whom the bounty was by said Order allowed, did not serve for said Town the term then supposed or for any Town in this State, but was held by the Town of Almsbury in the Massachusetts, during the War—

Wherefore your petitioner pray that the said Order may be received back, and another granted for the three men only, who did actually serve as aforesaid—

And as in duty bound still shall ever pray—

June 22d 1786—

David Bagley One of the Selectmen for the
Daniel Morrill Town of Warner
Francis ferren
Jacob Waldron

[The petition was granted June 22, 1786.—Ed.]

[11-41] [*Relative to Dr. John Currier for Justice of the Peace, 1786.*]

To his Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President For the State of Newhampshire and the Honourable the Privy Council in Concord Conveaned—

Whereas wee your Humble petitioners are Inform'd that Doctor John Currier of Warner Hath Heretofore been on the List for a Justice of the Peace but by some means or other hath Not been appointed Whereby the Expectations of the People are Greatly Dissappointed, in our opinions Doctr Currier is in some Good measure Quallifyd for the Commission and a person well dispos'd therefore Humbly pray he may be appointed Justice of the Peace and wee as in duty bound will Ever pray

Warner 10th June 1786

Aquila Davis	Abner Sargent	Simon Ward
Thomas Annis	Daniel Flood	Isaac Lowell
Tappen Evans	David Bagley	Daniel Watson
Jacob waldron	Stephen Colby	Benjamin sargent
Moses Stevens	John Colby	Paskey Pressey

Nathan Davis	Israel Rand	Richard Straw
Solomon Annas	John Kelly	Zebulon Morrill
Wm H Ballard	James Pressey	Jonathan Rand
Robert Davis	Abner Chase	Philip flanders
Calvin flanders	William Lowell	Ezekiel Colby
Isaac Walker	moses Clement	Edmund Currier
Samuel Trumbal	Abner Hervey	

[11-43] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to locate a Meeting-House: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

We the Inhabitants of the town of Warner your Humble petitioners humbly sheweth, Whereas your petitioners have for a Long time Greatly Suffered for the want of a Larger meeting-house: and are so Unhappy as not to agree on a place to build a New one, this is to prey your Honours to take it under your wise consideration and appoint us a Committee to appoint us a place for to set said Meeting house or Relieve us in some other way as you in your wisdom shall see fitt and we your Humble petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever prey

Warner June 11th yr 1788

Benjamin Sargent } Selectmen in
Richd Bartlett } Behalf of the town

[The legislature appointed Ebenezer Webster, Robert Wallace, and Joseph Wadley, who reported in favor of the old meeting-house lot.—Ed.]

[11-44] [*Joseph Sawyer recommended for Justice of the Peace, 1788.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that whereas we understand that Commissions of the Peace are soon to be Given. We wish that Joseph Sawyer who has heretofore been Honour'd with a Justices Commission and behaved with Integrity and Uprightness may again be favour'd with the Honour of that office. For the Town of Warner and your Petitioners Shall as in Bound ever pray—

Warner Decr 16: 1788

Daniel Flood	Ellet Colby	John Davise
Jacob Waldron	Enoch Currier	Isaiah Flanders
Parmenas Watson	Robert Gould	Nathan Colby

Daniel Watson	Zeb^{n} Flanders	Abr^{a} Currier
Moses Clark	Moses Flanders	Benj^{a} Serjeant
Stephen Colby	Thos Barnet	
Zebe^{n} Morrill	Ezra Waldron	

[11-45] [*Zebulon Morrill recommended for Coroner, 1789.*]

To His Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire and the Honourable Council Gentlemen—

We your Petitioners Humbly sheweth that whereas there is no Coroner in the Town of Warner, your Petitioners think it highly necessary that there shou'd be one, and we also think that Zebulon Morril of said Warner is a proper and Sutable Parson for a Coroner, and we your Petitioners pray that your Honours wou'd take it into your wise considerations and grant the said Zebulon Morril a Coroners Commission if your Honours shou'd think it consistant and Necessary, and we as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Warner December 2th 1789

Isaac Waldron	Daniel Watson	Parker Clement
Jonathan Gould	Francies ferren	Oliver Clement
John Kelly	Challis foot	Jonathan Watson
Zeb^{n} Flanders	Parmenas Watson	Joseph Greeley
Jacob Waldren	Joseph foster	Joseph Sawyer
Wil^{m} morrill	John Pearson	Jo^{s} Bartlett
Wells Davis	Edmund Sawyer	David Gilmore
Ezra Waldren	Ruben Kimbel	frances Davis
Enoch Currier	Beniamin Foster	Nathan Davis
John Morrill	Ellet Colby	Jacob Whitcomb
Asa Herriman	Pasky Pressy	Asa Putneny
Isaac Ellot	Daniel Curier	Stephen Badger
Wm Currier	Stephen Colby	moses Stevens
Moses Flanders	Samuel Pearson	Aquila Davis
Joseph Currier	moses Clement	
Moses Clark	Thomas Annis	

[11-46] [*Kearsarge Gore for a Division: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

Your petitioner humbly Sheweth that the Inhabitants of a place called Kearsarge Gore in s^{d} State labour under many Disadvantages by reason of bad roads and no mills and are very poor and are not in a Capacity to choose Selectmen to assess

Taxes and that the Treasurer of said State has Sent precepts and requested them to pay State Taxes therefore your petitioner prays that their past State Taxes may be abated or such a part thereof as you in your Wisdom shall think fit and annex all the northern part of the s^d Gore with Andover Excepting Seven lots (vis) N° 19 : 20 : 21 : 22 : 23 : 24 : & 25 and that those lots be annexed to New london—the remainder of said Gore to Salisbury and your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Joseph Flanders
in behalf of the Inhabitants

Dover June 13 : 1792

State of New-Hampshire—

In the House of Representatives June 13th 1793.

Upon hearing and considering the foregoing petition Voted that the Lots Numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25, in the North Westerly part of said Kear Searge Gore, with the Inhabitants thereon, be annexed to New London but that they be held to pay their proportion of taxes with the other Inhabitants of said Kear Sarge Gore that are now due—and that they have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly—

Sent up for Concurrence—

Nathl Peabody Speaker.

In Senate June 14th 1793 Read & Concurred

Nathl Parker Dep^y Sec^y—

[11-47] [*Kearsarge Gore for Change in Date of Annual Meeting: addressed to the General Court, 1799.*]

Wee your Petitioners Humbly Shews that the inhabitants of Kearsarge Gore labour under many hardship and Disadvantages by reason of their Annual Meeting being held on the last Monday in March, for about that time the Winter brake up, and Our Road are new and very bad, therefore it is almost impossible at that time of the Year to pass as we are obliged to travel Seventeen or Eighteen Mile to git together on Meeting Day by reason of Kearsarge Mountain cuting of the communication from one to another—

therefore we your petitioners pray that you will take our hard case under your wise consideration and grant us releaf by appointing the first monday of March for the holding of Our An-

nual Meeting, or Some other Day in the said first week in March and we as in Duty bound will ever pray—

27th May, 1799—

Abner Watkins } Select Men
Benjamin Cass } of
Foster Goodwine } Kearsarge Gore

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted. Kearsarge Gore was annexed to Warner June 13, 1818.—Ed.]

WARREN.

The township was granted July 14, 1763, to John Page and others, in seventy-two equal shares, and received its name, probably, in honor of Admiral Warren of the British navy.

July 5, 1770, an extension of the time for the fulfilment of the conditions of the charter was granted, and an additional grant of 3,877 acres was made to the proprietors. This additional grant was of territory lying north of the town as originally granted, and was to make good an alleged deficiency in the contents of the first grant.

The boundaries of the town were settled by a committee which was appointed by the legislature, October 27, 1780, and reported September 4, 1784. See Vol. XI, p. 729.

Joseph Patch was the first white settler in town. He went up from Hollis and built a cabin near Hurricane brook in 1767, being at the time about 21 years old.

Various metals and minerals are found in Warren, including some fine beryls and garnets.

[R. 4-163] [*James Aiken, Bunker Hill, Soldier.*]

Colony of New Hampre

To the Honble The Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened the 8th June 1776.

The humble Petition of James Aiken of Warren in the County of Grafton yeoman—Sheweth

That Your Petitioner inlisted in Capt Kinsman's Company,

& in Col. Stark's Regiment, and was in the Fight at Bunker hill.

That before the Fight, Your Pet^r pulld off his Coat, that he might the better work in the entrenchment, and was afterwards forced to abandon his Coat, which he values at 12 Dollars.

Likewise that from the 8th of May to the 11th July last past Your Pet^r has not rec'd one penny of Wages, and the same is now in Arrear—

Wherefore he humbly prays a proper Recompense for the premises—And will Ever Pray &c—

James akin

[11-49] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Warren December 3^day 1783

a return of the Number of powels in the town of Warren of twenty one years old and upwards paying for them Selves a pole tax which was taken by the Select man of Said town a Cording to thare invoice which number is twenty Six in number a true a Count taken by us—

Obadiah Clement } Selectman
Joshua marill } for warran

[11-50] [*Petition to have an Election of Town Officers Legalized, or Declared Void, 1786.*]

A return of the number of inhabitants in the town of Warren—

The whole number of Inhabitants in Said Town is one hundred and Eighteen no Indians or Servants

The Subscribers beg leave to represent to your honors that at the annual meeting in march last the former town clerk was not present and the Inhabitants proceeded to choose a moderator & town clerk who officiated in that office without being Sworn afterwards and before the adjournment said town Clerk was Sworn, but Some difficulty being started by the former town clerk whether the town clerk and the Subscribers the Selectman Chosen at Said meeting and Since sworn into office are legal officers—& to prevent any further difficulty or lawsuits; pray your honors determination; that the proceedings of Said meeting may be declared valid or illegal as to your honors may Seem most Just, that your petitionors may proceed in the duty of their office or be dismissed & Some way pointed out to restore Said town to the previlege of choosing town officers in

Some regular manner as the law of Said State now in force for that purpose may prove inaffectual as a sufficient number of freeholders to petition for a meeting would be difficult to obtain owing to Some divisions

and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Warren June 5th 1786—

Joshua Copp
Stephen Richardson
William Butler

To the Honbl Genl Court to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June A. D. 1786—

[In H. of Rep., June 9, 1786, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill to establish the proceedings of said meeting, so far as related to the election of officers.—Ed.]

[11-51] [*Petition for Authority to Tax Non-Resident Lands.*]

State of New Hampshire—To the Honorable General Court of said State convened at Portsmouth the fourth wednesday of December 1789—

Humbly sheweth the Selectmen of Warren in said State; that the highways in sd Town are exceeding bad, and much out of repair, that there are very few Inhabitants in said Town, that they have in time past exerted themselves beyond their ability in making and repairing the highways in said Town, that there is now wanting a bridge in said Town of about twenty rods in length to accommodate the public,—that they have never had any assistance from the Props in making and repairing said highways, notwithstanding the interest of said Proprietors are much advanced in consequence of the exertions of Your Petitioners in the making & repairing the Highways aforesaid, they have never done anything toward helping Your Petitioners in regard to the foregoing premises, therefore they pray in behalf of the inhabitants of said Warren, that the Proprietors of said Township may be ordered and directed to pay a reasonable sum for the purpose of making and repairing the Highways, and bridges in said Town, under such regulations as to your Honors may appear best and Your Petitioners will pray

Warren Decr 21—1789—

Nathaniel knight } Select men
Samuel knight
Moses Copp } Warren

[June 19, 1790, authority was granted to assess and collect two pence per acre, on all the divided lands in town belonging to non-residents, the proceeds to be used for the repair of roads and bridges.—Ed.]

WASHINGTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors to Reuben Kidder of New Ipswich, and others, and called Monadnock No. 8. It was settled to some extent in 1768, and called Camden until December 13, 1776, when it was incorporated with full town privileges, and named for George Washington.

A portion of the town was combined with New Bradford and Washington Gore, September 27, 1787, and incorporated into the town of Bradford.

A controversy arose relative to the line between this town and Lempster in 1811, which was settled by an agreement of the town, and a divisional line established by the legislature November 27, 1812.

Washington men in First N. H. Regiment:

Asa Jackson, enlisted April 18, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

William Mann, enlisted April 1, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

Nathan Mann, enlisted April 1, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

Abel Merrill, enlisted April 1, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

William White, age 24, enlisted January 1, 1777; discharged January 1, 1780.

Ebenezer Lowell, enlisted in July, 1779, for service in Rhode Island.

[11–54] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1776.*]

To the General Assembly of New Hampshire in New-England.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of a certain non-incorporated Township, of Land hitherto known by the name of Camden; in the County of Cheshire: in the Government above said

most humbly sheweth may it please your Honors

That whereas by reason of our being a non-incorporated Township, we are subject to many Inconveniencies, & Disadvantages, as are common, & often incident to non-incorporated Societies: both in regard to publick, & also our domestick affairs: we therefore your Honors most humble petitioners hereby intreat & implore that according to your. wisdom & goodness you would be pleased to remedy the Inconveniencies & Disadvantages to which un-incorporated Towns are liable as such; & to invest this Town with the powers, Liberties & priviledges common to incorporated Towns within this Government; may it please Your Honors to incorporate this Township by the name of Washington—and as in duty bound your Honors most Humble Petitioners whose names are under written shall ever pray

Dated at Camden aforesaid September 2d 1776.

Reuben Kidder	Joseph Rounsevel	Archel White
John Safford	Benja Babcock	Robertt Mann
Jacob Burbank	Josiah Procktor	James Maxwel
David Danforth	John Steel	Jonathan Brockway
William Proctor	Samuel Copeland ir	Ephraim Severance
Nathan Proctor	Abner Sampson	Simeon Farnsworth
Ebenr Spaulding	Daniel Severance	Archel White Junr
William White	David Lowell Junr	Peter Lowell
David Lowell	Simon Lowell	Paul Hale
Lemuel Taber	Saml Copeland	Jacob Copeland
Church Taber	William Steel	

[The town was incorporated December 13, 1776.—Ed.]

In the House of Representatives Septr 13th 1776. Upon reading the within Petition—

Voted That the Petitioners Cause the Substance of this Petition and order thereon to be Published in the most Public places in Said Township of Camden, and in the New Hampshire State Gazette or Saturday Circulating Chronicle. That any person Concerned may Appear before the General Assembly of this State on the third day of their next Session, To Shew

Cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be Granted.

Sent up for concurrence P White Speaker

In Council Eodem Die read & concurred

E. Thompson Se^cy

The petition of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Washington in said State Humbly sheweth, that the township of Washington in said State Humbly sheweth, that the township of Washington was Laid out within the Curve Line of Masons Grant and so settled and made their Farms and continued for a number of Years in a Quiet and Peaceable manner till the Last tax went out from this State when the Selectmen of marlow and Leomster thot proper to Lay a Tax on some Part of the Lands within the Lines of the said Washington which occations much Uneaseyness among the Inhabitants of the said Washington and may be productive of many Evil Consequences, Wherefore Your petitioners pray that Your Honors wou'd Issue an Ord^r that they may Continue to pay their taxes as heretofore they have Done until the Line which occations the Dispute between the said towns of Washington marlow & Leominster, and many other towns in Similar Circumstances may be settled by the Authority of this State and y^r petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c

J Rounsevel

for ye town of Washington

Exeter 3d of march 1778—

[In H. of Rep., March 5, 1778, "Voted that the inhabitants of that part of the Town of Washington claimed under the Grants of Marlow and Lempster pay their Taxes to Washington as usual, until the Title to said disputed Lands shall be settled." The dispute was finally settled in favor of Washington.—Ed.]

[R-164] [*Soldiers credited to Washington.*]

Committee of Claims Office Exeter June 27th 1782—

This certifies that the Town of Washington are benefited in the present years Tax Seventy two pounds Five shillings and Eleven pence Lawful Money, being for Bounties paid the following Continental Soldiers viz Wm White, Abel Morril W^m

Man and Nathan Man £14, 19, 0 each, and to Enoch Smith 12, 9, 11— Ex^d per J Gilman
£72, 5, 11

[11-56] [*Petition of Samuel Lowell, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

The petition of Saml Lowell of washington in the County of Cheshire who was in the Service of ye Continent in the Year 1776, and I Saml Lowell your humble petitioner was taken prisoner the 15 Day of June in Kanady Expidition and was prisoner untill ye 25 Day of September following at that time was Sat at Shore at Elizabeth Town in ye Jerseys During which Imprisonment I was a great Sufferer as Your Excellency and Honors may Conclude, &c. for I Lost a pair of Silver Shoe Buckles and a pair of Knee Buckles, and Coat Jacket & Briches and three good Shirts and a Silk Handcherchief which Cost me Nine pounds, and when I was Sat at Shore I had About three hundred miles to travel home and had to Bear my own Expences and was held a prisoner untill ye Last Day of December 1776, and Never have Receiv'd No wages from the time I was first taken prisoner—

If it may please your Excellency and Honours—I Conclude I ought to be Considered & paid as one who has Ever Served faithfully in ye Service of ye Late War, and doubt not your best Endeavours for the same, desiring to be under your Cair and Protection as a willing Subject as under those who can Relieve in All such Cases—And I your Excellency and Honors humble petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Washington october ye 16th 1784

Samuel Lowell

[11-57] [*Petition for the Appointment of Dr. Harris: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

Whereas We ye Inhabitants of Washington in ye County of Cheshire your Most humble Petitioners most Ardently Desire—

(If it might please your Excellency and Honors) being Deeply Sensible how Essentially Necessary it is that our Civil Rulers and those in Authority be men of principal, having ye good of their Country and the peace and good order of their fellow Citizens much at heart, and as these Qualifications most Emminently Appear in ye Person and Character of Dr David Harris of s^d town and County, We therefore most Ardently

pray (If it Might please your Excellency and Honors) that ye Honor and Dignity of a Justice of ye peace for s^{d} County, may be Conferred on him ye s^{d} Dr David Harris hoping and believing that in person and Character he will give Satisfaction both to Rulers and Ruled, Desireing your Excellency and honors woud be pleas'd to Commisionate him Accordingly, Desiring to be your willing Subjects as under ye power of those who Rule in ye fear of God, Likewise wishing Yours, &c: All that Happiness that Tongue can Express—

Hoping and believing, your Excellency and honors will be pleas'd to gratify us in our most Impartial Request, and we you humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Washington Oct^{br} ye 3: 1784

Saml Copeland	Eliphelet Densmore	Asa Jackson
Saml Guild	Stephen Meeds	Levi Barney
David Lowell	Nath Everitt	Ep^{hr} Willson
Jacob Burbank	Josiah Davis	Thdeus Grves
Ebn^{r} Spaulding	Thomas white	Isireal Foster
Samuel Lowell	William Graves	Elijah Foster
James Maxwell	Joseph woods	Josiah Richards
Jon^{ath} Draper	George Lesslie	James Gay
Samuel Copeland	Joseph Miller	Josiah Lowell
Junr	John Woods	Sol^{o} Lowell

[11–59] [*Relative to locating a Meeting-House: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

Humbly Shews, the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town Washington in the County of Cheshire in said State—

That the inhabitants of said Town are in need of a House of Publick Worship and are desirous to erect one the ensuing season, that great divisions have arisen in said Town About the most proper place for setting the same—that the greatest number of Inhabitants is at present in the southerly part of said Town altho' the Northerly part of said Town is quite as Capable of Settlements and probably in a very short time will be as fully improved—

But the inhabitants on the southerly part (perhaps too attentive to their own convenience) have by a Majority of Votes determined to Erect said House more than a Mile South of the Centre of said Town—and whereby reason of Swampey land the roads leading to it must of necessity be more than a Mile and an half southerly from the Centre, which your Petitioners conceive will be very unequal and highly injurious to them and

others who may hereafter inhabit the Northerly part of said Town —especially if they must be Compelled to pay their full proportion towards erecting and maintaining the same, and the Minister who may Officiate therein—and will lay a foundation for Contention in future and probably for the removal of the same at great expence of Money, and Brotherly kindness—But without the interposition of this Honble Court your Petitioners Conceive they are at present without remedy—

They therefore pray your Honors to take their Case into your wise Consideration, and if consistent with Right prevent a foundation being laid for so disagreeable Consequences,—or by a Committee from your Honble Body lead them into the way of Justice and Peace, before the present determination of the Majority of Voters in said Town is Carried into Effect, or otherwise grant them relief in the premises in such way as to your Wisdom shall seem meet—

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

John Dunsmore	Eben^r^ Wood	Thomas White
Ebenezer Davis	Jesse Stevens	Asa White
Josiah Gilburt	Jesse smith	Wm Smith
Jerh^m^ Baron	Philip Smith	Stephen Austin
John Farnsworth	William Steel	Samuel Farington J^r^
Samuel Lewis	Francis White	Josiah Richards
Joseph Steel	Eliphalet Dunsmore	Samuel Farington
Robart Steel	Isaac Stevens	Josiah Daves
John Vose	James Gay	
Joseph Crane	Amasa Gay	

[11–61] [*A portion of the Town voted off, 1787.*]

Washington May 7th 1787

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Washington met this day on adjournment from the anual March meeting Voted to set off to New-Bradford all that part of Washington which lies east of a line drawn from the southwest corner of said New Bradford thence Northwesterly over the south end of Burnt hill (so call'd) continuing the same course till it intersects a line drawn last November by a committee chosen for that purpose thence Northerly on s^d^ line to the north line of that part of Washington which is included in Col^o^ Reuben Kider's charter being three miles from the northeast corner of Washington from thence continuing the same course to the south line of Fishersfield—

A true Copy

Attest David Harris Town Clerk

[The portion of the town before mentioned was included in the incorporation of Bradford, September 27, 1787.—Ed.]

[11-62] [*Relative to Class for Electing a Representative: addressed to the General Court.*]

The joint memorial & petition of the Towns of Washington and Stodard, in the County of Cheshire, humbly sheweth—

That about five years ago, by order of the authority of this State, the Towns of Washington, Stodard, Packerfield & Gillsom, were classed in one district, in order to their choosing a Representative:—that about That time, in consequence of a precept from the General Court, the Towns afores[d] met in Stodard for that purpose:—That after a choice was made, taking into consideration the difficulty attending the meeting of all these Towns in a body, they jointly and unanimously came into an agreement to choose their Representative, annually for the future, by committees of five from each Town, deputed & authorized, with proper instructions, for the purpose:—That from that time till this present year, they continued to act or choose in this manner:—That this present year, the Town of Packerfield, for reasons best known to themselves, changed their method of proceeding, and came in a body to the meeting appointed for y[e] Choice of a representative without giving the least previous notice of their Design, to the other Towns concerned:—That the town of Washington being present only by their Committees were not in a capacity to act in Connexion with the Town of Packerfield in the affair:—That thereupon, a committee of three persons, one out of each of the Towns of Washington, Stodard, & Packerfield, was chosen to consider & make report how to conduct in this matter:—That the said Committee reported—

"That the union between the Towns of Washington & Stodard, and the other two Towns, with which they were connected as a district, be dissolved—that the Towns of Washington & Stodard should jointly petition the Great & General court, that they might, for the future, be connected by themselves, in choosing a Representative, & that a precept might be sent to them for that purpose."—That the Towns, after hearing the report of the Committee, voted that it be accepted, & that Joseph Rounsevell Esq[r], of the Town of Washington, be the person to present said Memorial & Petition to the Great and General Court,—praying the Honorable Court to take the matter under their consideration, & unite the Towns of Washington & Stodard into a Class or district by themselves, & accord-

ingly send them a precept for the Choice of a Representative— & your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray—

William proctor } Select men
Archabel white } of
Lemuel Taber } washington

Seth Wheeler } Select men
David Haws } for Stoddard

[11-64] [*Relative to Sales of Land at Auction, 1790.*]

The following are the Articles of Sale of one half of lot number three in the first Range of the first Division of lots, in the Town of Washington, to be sold by Public Auction this 27th day of May, 1790, according to an Advertisement published in the New-Hampshire Gazzette of the 31st of March last.

Article 1st The highest Bidder to be the Purchaser.

2nd The purchaser, immediately after the land is struck off, shall give Security with a sufficient Surety for the Sum for which sd land is struck off, to be paid in Beef-Cattle at Cash-price by the first day of December next with Interest, to be delivered at the Centre of the town of Washington, and if not paid by that time, then it shall be paid by the first day of January then next in Silver or Gold, with Interest; and as soon as such Security is given, a good Deed of Conveyence shall be delivered to the purchasers

3rd Should the land be struck off to any person who shall neglect, or refuse to comply with the foregoing Article, he shall forthwith pay the Cost of Vendue, and the land Shall be put up to Sale again.

4th All Bidding to be in lawful-money, and nothing less than six shillings shall be accepted as a Bid.

Mr John Brown is appointed Clerk of vendue

Per John Orr Auctioner

May 27th 1790—

The within mentioned Lands set up at 5 Dollars for the whole by Doctr Thos L Brown

at £1.. 16— by Isaac Proctor.
2— 2— by Andrew Rob—

by Joseph Hide	£ 2—	8—				
Thos Penniman Esqr	3—					
Tho L Brown—	3—	6—				
John Taggett Junr	3—	12—	&	6.. 6—		
Thos Penniman Esq—	4—		&	4.. 6	& £ 9—	& 11.. 10s

Andrew Rob—	5.. 6.	&	7.. 6.	&	12.. 6		
John Safford Esqr—	6——	&	8—	&	9.. 10.	&	10—
					& 11 : 4^{s}	&	12—0^{s}
Isaac Proctor—	7—						
Th^{o} Brown—	9.. 16	&	10. 6.	&	10. 18	&	12.. 18
					13. 10	£	16
John Safford Esqr—	£12.. 12.	&	13 : 4.		13. 16	&	16. 10

£16 : 10^{s} being the highest Bid for s^{d} Land, it was Knocked off to John Safford Esqr being the last Bidder—

Washington May 27th 1790—

John Brown
Clerk of s^{d} Vendue

[11–66] [*Relative to disputed Lines: addressed to the General Court, 1793.*]

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabetents of the towns of Washington Stoddard and Sullivan Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioners some years since Did Purchace Lands on which we now live under Masons Pattent in the Westerly Part of Stoddard and Washington: and Being informed that the Pattent line was Established by the Legislature as run by Robert Fletcher Esq. then supposed that we had obtained an undouted title of our Lands, as they held under the sanction of said Law or Order of Court Confirming said line—since which time the General Court have caused said Pattent line to be newly run, and said pattent being found too large, has given the Proprietors of Gilsum and Marlow Incouragement to Claim nearly two Miles East of the Line first Established, and they Have proceeded to Lot out the same by which our farms are Cut very much to peaces—and they are Indeavouring by Law to Difpossess your Petitioners—We your Humble petitioners therefore pray to lay before the Hono^{l} Court our Situation

We were in General such as had no Other way to get a Livelyhood but to venture ourselves and families into the Wilderness, and by the good hand of Provedence and our own Industry the moste of us have just arived to a Comfortable Livelyhood: We have once paid a generous price for our Lands, paid all the publick taxes through a long and Expensive War, and surmounted many other Dificulties which we have had to Encounter in this once Wilderness—some of us by our Industry have just arrived to a State of Comfort in life while others have a prospect of Doing the same if they still Continue there Industry and frugallity. But noways in a State Adequate to Purchaceing our Lands again—

Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that if it should in

Law be Determined in favour of said proprietors that some meathod may be taken by the Honor[l] Court to prevent them from Building themselves up upon our ruin—and as We are Informed that there is no Law Exists in this state whereby we may have a Compensation for our Buildings and Improvements on said Land but by wholly at there Mercy—

We therefore pray that if it can be Consistant with the Constatution and Laws of the Land—

Your Honours would, in Immetation to Neighbouring States make a Law or order whereby we may receive something for our many years hard labour in Erecting Buildings Clearing Lands and makeing it more Valueable, if at Last we are oblidged to give it up—

Your Petitioners are far from wishing if the Land is theres to wrong them out of it But Desireing them ondly to Come to that Rule of Doing by others as they would others should Do by them—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—Inhabetents of Stoddard

Nath[n] Joslin
Edward Phelps
Ebenezer Polley
Levi Phelps
David Joslin
Levi Blood
Sam[l] Farnsworth
Semion Fisk
Nath[l] Tuttell
David Hodgman
Jonathon Shed
Benj[a] Howard
Enos Locke
Ebenezer Blake
Oliver Hodgman
Ebenezer Wright
George Holmes
Eleazer Blake
Timothy Thomson
Asa Stevens
Jonas Tarble
Benj Tarble
Samuel Messinger
Nath[ll] Evens
John Adams
John Davis
Silvester Davis

Joshu Read
Ward Eday
John Henry
Bildad Royce
John Henry Junior
Isaac Barritt
Nathen monroe
Bani Henry
Jesse farly
Samuel Sever
John Osgood
John Osgood Juer
Jonathan Tomson
Joseph Durent
Nathl draper
Supply Barny
William wright
nathan Reed
Willard Lawrance

Inhabitents of Washington
Abraham Estabrook
Samull Lowell
Nathan metcalf
Jacob Wright
William Procter

Daniel Farnsworth
Joh Safford
Tho[s] Farwell
Tho[s] Farwell J[r]
Eph[m] Farwell
Francis Faxon
Tho[s] Penniman
Simon Lowell
Ebener Spaulding
Jacob Burbank

Inhabetents of Sullivan
Josiah G. White
Calvin Locke
Ezra Osgood
Elijah Carter
Johua Osgood
Nathan Bolster
Jonathan Kindall
Samuel Seward
Ebenezer kendall
Grindal Keith
Jonathan Burnam
Luther Wilder
Michel sanders
Josiah Seward

[See Stoddard, Marlow, and Gilsum papers.—Ed.]

[11-67] [*Relative to the Election of Representative: addressed to the General Court.*]

Cheshire ss. State of New Hampshire, Washington March 11, 1794—

The petition of the Town of Washington humbly sheweth—That heretofore, by order of said Court, the Towns of Stoddard & Washington were united in one class, in order to their choosing a representative.

That it was order'd by the General Court that the meetings for the purpose aforesd should be held by rotation, viz. in each Town every other year. It was agree'd that said meetings should be held annually on the second monday in March, and that the Clerk of each town respectively, by order of the Selectmen should notify his own town both of the time and place

That it has been reported, that the town of Stoddard, supposing the number of their ratable Polls to amount to what is required by the constitution, have made choice of a Person to represent them, tho', for reasons best known to themselves, they have not seen fit Legally to notify us of their design to detach themselves from our former union.

That according to the rotation abovesaid, the meeting for the aforesaid purpose was to be holden in Washington this year.

That the Town of Washington were accordingly legally notified—that they met at the time and place appointed; and tho' not joined by the Town of Stoddard, made choice of a representative.

That we have almost the number of ratable polls required by constitution—and that there is no other town in the vicinity with which we can be class'd with any conveniency.

We therefore earnestly request the honorable the General Court to take our case into their consideration and grant our member elect a seat in the house, and in future to allow us the Priviledge of choosing a representative for ourselves, or afford us such other relief in the premises, as they, in their wisdom and goodness shall see fit—And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

By order, and in behalf of said town

Thomas Farwell
Jo^s Rounsevel } Committee
David Harris

WEARE.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, September 20, 1749, to Ichabod Robie and others, and called Hale's-Town.

The inhabitants petitioned, April 3, 1764, to be incorporated with town privileges, and in the petition call the place "that Tract of land known by the name of Hails Town, otherwise called Col° Weares Town."

The town was incorporated by the governor and council, September 31, 1764, and named in honor of Meshech Weare, who was at the time one of the justices of the supreme court of the province.

The town was settled by people from Massachusetts and the east part of this state, and has been and is one of the most prosperous farming towns of the state. A society of Quakers was formed in the town at an early date, and still exists.

By an act approved July 2, 1853, the divisional line between this town and Dunbarton was established.

Weare men in First N. H. Regiment, as returned by Major Jeremiah Gilman, January 10, 1778.

Abraham Kimball, age 23, reported absent.

John Robarts, age 23, reported absent.

Samuel Hutchings, age 27, at home sick.

The following men were mustered by Col. Moses Kelley, July 20, 1779, for the town of Weare.

Benjamin Powell,* Simeon Pope,* Jonathan Tucker, Elisha Roberts, Charles Colburn, Joseph Colby, and Moses Fifield. Jonathan Tucker was in Capt. Enoch Chase's Co., 2d Regiment, February 14, 1781.

Weare men in First N. H. Regiment:

David Bryant, enlisted November 12, 1776; discharged December 1781.

Serg't Samuel Caldwell, enlisted July 3, 1777; discharged July 2, 1780.

John Flanders, enlisted April 17, 1777; discharged April 20, 1780.

Jacob Flanders, enlisted February 20, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

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* Lived in Henniker.

Ebenezer Sinclair,* enlisted February 1, 1777; discharged October 7, 1777.

John Swett, enlisted April 16, 1777; discharged April 20, 1780.

Benjamin Swett, enlisted April 16, 1777; discharged April 20, 1780.

Thomas Tuttle,* enlisted May 1, 1777; discharged February 17, 1778.

[R. 4–165] [*Thomas Kennedy, Soldier, 1760; addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The petition of Thomas Kennedy of Halestown in Said province—

Humbly Shewith that your petitioner Inlisted as a Soldier In the Year 1760, under the Command of Col° Jn° Goffe In Capt Nehamiah Lovewells Company, & behaved, In Said Campaing as a faithfull & Dutyfull Soldier, as I have for many Campaings before, for the truth of which I apple to the Colonols of the Regiments, but So it was by Some means or Other I was returned a Deserter on the Rolls, & have not Received Any thing for my Service In S^d Regim^t, Otherways then Usual for Soldiers to Receive at their marching, & presume it was Occationed by Some Misrepresentation, tho Not Desiredly, Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Excellency & honours would take this matter under your wise Consideration, (Reference being had to my Letter to Col° Goffe of Feby 6th 1762 on this head) & Grant him Such Relief as you In Your great Wisdom may think proper, & Your petitioner Shall as In Duty Bound Ever pray &c

John Goffe for & in behalfe of
Thos Kennady

[He was allowed £11, 16, 10.—Ed.]

[R. 4–166] [*Stockman Sweat, Soldier: addressed to the Legislature, 1781.*]

The petition of Enoch Sweat of Wear in Said State Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas your Petitioners son Stockman Sweat enlisted into the service of the united States and Served two years (viz) the year 1775 and 1776 and on his return home he enlisted into

* Died in the service.

the Light horse at the State of Connecticut wher he now remains in Said Service and have never received either State or Continental Bounties and is not likely to receive any Depreciation money with others his fellow Soldiers: So that notwithStanding he the said Stockman Sweat your petitioners Son has Served his Country he is Shut out from having the Justice Done him that other Soldiers have had: and if your Hon^{rs} wants further light in the matter and will point out to your petitioner what he is to do in order to state the matter Clearly to the Hon^{l} Court and will take his Case under your wise Consideration and grant such releif in the primises as your hon^{rs} in your great wisdom may think fit your petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Enoch Sweat

Exeter Jany—4th 1781
To lay.

[R. 4-167] [*Ebenezer Sinclair, Soldier: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth, Mary Sinclear of halestown in the County of hillsbourough in the State of Newhampshire widow—that her Late husband Ebenezer Sinclear was a soldier in General Poors Brigade, in Coll Silleys Reg^{t} & Capt Morrells Company, & was Kill^{d} att Sarotoga att the taking of Gen^{ll} Burgoin, & that your Petitioner is Left a widow with three small Children the Oldest of which is under the Age of fourteen, and is So much Disabled By a wound in His hand, & other weakness of Body, which prevents your Petitioner from Getting a place for him to Learn him a trade—that She has, (By Selling her house hold Furniture & a Sett of Joiners tools which Belonged to her Late husband) provided places in the Country for her Children for the present, that her Late husband Died Intestate, Leaving one hundred & fifty Acres of wild Land in the town of wentworth, it Being all the Estate he possess^{d}, & that your Petitioner is Now out to Servis herselfe & finds it Verry Difficult to maintain herselfe, the Collector of taxes for the town of wentworth has Call^{d} on her for taxes, Some part of which She has pay^{d} But is unable to pay the Remainder, She therefore prays your honours that She may Be Exempt from paying any more taxes for the Above Land untill her Children are of age & what Ever Else your honours, In your wisdom Shall please to Do in favour of your Petitioner & the Orphan Children, as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray

Mary Sinclear

[Not granted.—Ed.]

[11-71] [*Record of a Meeting in the east part of Weare, 1785.*]

At a meeting of ye inhabetence of ye Easterly Part of weare at the house of m^r John Selley in s^d weare on ye 12th of Septembec 1785 Chose Lt Ithamar Eaton moderator Chose Saml Paige J^n Clark—

Voted to buld a meeting house on ye School lot N° 8 in ye 3rd Range voted to buld s^d house by Seling ye Pews voted Ca^pt Nathaniel fifield Lt Itha^r Eaton Obediah Eaton Thom^s Evens and Saml Paige jr a Commettee to Sell S^d Pews to buld ye meeting house—

Voted to ajourn S^d meeting to ye 26th int at ye house of m^r John Selleys to Sell S^d Pews; met according to ajurnment and Sold thirty Eight Pews on ye floore; for the Summe of five hundred thirty Six Pounds Seventeen Shiling S^d house to be 56 feet long & forty two wide

January ye 24th 1786

this Day met at ye house of m^r John Selley in weare Voted to Put in a Petition to ye General Cort to See if they will Set off ye Easterly Part of S^d weare into a Destinct Pearish—

Voted Lt Ithamar Eaton m^r obediah Eaton and Saml Paige a Commettee to Present S^d Petition and Support Sd Petition

Saml Paige jr Clark

[11-72] [*Petition for a Parish in the east part of the Town, 1786.*]

Your Humble Pertitioners Inhabetants of the Easterly End of Weare Sheweth that We Labour under Great Inconvencies of Settling of a Gosple Minister With Us by Reason of a Large Society of Quakers Nigh the Senter of Said town; and the Remainder of Said town is So Remote from us that We Cannot be Convenned in one Society; theirfore our prayers is to your honours that you Would Set us off A.perish in Said town Invested With town privilidges on the Easterly Sid of the Senter Road, So Called, begining on Hopkinton Line and to Extend South by Said Senter Road and by Dunbarton to New Boston or as far as it Shall be made to appear to your honours to be for the public benefit of your Pertitioners; and your Pertitioners as in Duty bound Will Ever Pray—

Weare January 25th 1786

Samuel Paige	Levi hovey	Sameul Ayer
Nathaniel Fifield	Saml Paige J^r	Willm Ayer
Abner Hoyt	Moses george	Ezekiel Carr

Joseph Marshall	Moses Faver	Enoch Johnson
Joseph Webster	Jonathan goold	Benjamin Collins
John Selly	John Huntington	John Brown
Jacob Carr	follansbe Shaw	Joshua Maxfield
Timothy george	Samuel Rowel	Moses Fifield
Thomas Evans	marden Emerson	Isaac Levingston
Daneil goold	thomas fowllinsbe	Jonathan Brown
John fever	Obadiah Eaton	Trustrum Johnson
David Barnard	James Hogg	Samuel Straw
Benjamin Selly	John Paige	Levi Colbey
Moses Boynton	Jonathan Paige	Joseph Pilsbury
Elijah Brown	Ithamar Eaton	Nathan Kimbell
Robard Johnson	Lemuel Paige	Daniel Pearson
John Ayer	Edward fifield	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 4, 1786, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[11-69] [*Report of a Committee on the Foregoing.*]

The Committee On the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the town of Weare Agree to Report As Our Oppenion that the Prayer of Said Petition Be So Far Granted As that the Petitionars Be Set off As A Seperate town Beginning at Hopkinton Line And Extending Southwardly So far as to include Six Ranges Exclusive of the Public Lands And Also Be intitled to three Eights of All the Public Lands in Said Weare—Which is Submitted By Us—

Eben[r] Webster
John Duncan
Robert Wallace

Rejected.

[11-70] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

to the honrabel general Coart prsuant to your ordears we have Nombred all the Ratabel poles upward of Twentey won years old which are withen the town of weare which Nomber is two hondread and fiftey 250

Dated att weare this 16 Day of December 1783

Timothy worthly } Select men
James Emerson } for weare

[11-73] [*Relative to a Fine for not keeping a Grammar School: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

We your Pertitioners Humbly Sheweth that the Selectmen of weare have been presented to the Court of General Sessions of the peace in Said County for not keeping a grammer School by which meanes we are Liable to pay a fine of ten pounds for one month Neglect the town Considering their Scattered Situation as well as their inability Conclud it would be more to the advantage of Said town to hire Several masters that Could teach good English and at Such Seasons as they Could Reep most advantage from Said Schools was the Reason their was Not a grammar School hired as the law Directs no man in Said town Required it Therefore we, your pertitioners humbly Request you would Release and Remit Said fine your pertitioners Shall Ever pray

Dated at weare June 6th, 1788

John Robie
John Hodgdon } Selectmen
Ithamar Eaton

WENTWORTH.

The township was granted, Nov. 1, 1766, to John Page and 59 others, in 66 shares, and named for Benning Wentworth, who was at the time governor of the province.

Forty-two of the original grantees having failed to comply with the conditions of the grant, their shares were declared forfeited, and were granted to other parties by an instrument dated March 13, 1772.

By an act passed Jan. 15, 1787, Thomas Clark, Daniel Clark, Jonathan Herbert, and Asa Boynton, with their estates, were severed from Piermont, and annexed to this town. A small tract of land belonging to John Dana, Jr., was severed from Orford, and annexed to Wentworth June 28, 1837.

[11-74] [*Petition for a Grant of some Forfeited Shares, 1772.*]

Province of New Hampshire. To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Governor & Commander in Chief of said Province in Council—

The petition of Asa Porter of Haverhill in said Province & his Associates humbly sheweth—That as the Charter of the Township called Wentworth lying on the Road leading from Rumney to Cohass is now expired & scarce any Duty done agreable to Charter and that the publick Road thro' the same hath been greatly neglected for several years past as renders it a great Obstruction to Travellers & at Times almost impassable which is a great Discouragement to the Settlement of all the Country above s^d^ Township & the Trade of s^d^ Country is thereby diverted into other Provinces your Petitioners humbly pray that They may be favoured with a Grant of the delinquent Rights or Shares in said Township granted in the former Charter to the twenty seven Grantees hereafter named—Viz—Jonathan Greeley Junr, Abel Davis, Nathan Currier, Ebenezer Page, Lemuel Stephens, John Page, Winthrop True, Jacob Stevens, Moses Page, David Evans, Jonathan Page, Thomas True, Fra^s^ Bachelder, Samuel Dudley, Jacob Currier, Jacob Hook Esqr, Joseph Greeley, Nathl Greeley, Col^o^ Ebenezer Stevens, Ebenezer Stevens Junr, rev^d^ Jeremiah Fogg, John Paige Esqr, Jonathan Greeley Esqr, Jacob Gale, Dyer Hook, Jonath^n^ Evens & Capt Thomas Martyn upon such conditions as your Excellency may seem meet to direct—& your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Asa Porter for Himself & Associates.

Postsmouth March 25th 1772.

[See introduction.—Ed.]

[11-76] [*Statement relative to Taxation, and Town Inventory.*]

County of Grafton ss In the State of Newhampshire

Whereas We the Poor inhabitants of wentworth, in Said State haD a precept Sent us by the General Court of Said State In the year 1777 for a new proprotion or Inventory of the Rateable Estates of this town to be Returned in by the first of June in the aforesaid year, and whereas we then being under no Lawfull Regullation to take Such Inventory So Could not Do it, and Still Remains yet in that Lifeless Estate as than: our Honnerable Court not knowing our Circumstance was pleased to proportion our publick tax for us aCording to the best of there Judgment not haveing any Inventory to go by. which proportion we think is not Equal with other towns: we therefore the Inhabitants of wentworth have volantory met and Given in what number of polls and Improved Land and Stoke of Creatures we were posesed of at that time not Meddling

with the wile Land in Said town which we have Returned in Columns Some what aGreeable to the precept Sent and our Capacity will a low of at prest

13 polls, 18 acrears of Land, 25 mowing land, 0 paster land, 2 horses, 2 oxen, 9 Cows, 7 3 year old, 5 2 year old, 1 1 year old.

We therefore Humbly besech that your honers would Look upon us in our State and Consider us in the abeatment of the taxes Lead on us or to bring us Down to an Equality with other towns in this State and also to put us in a Capacity to make Said tax, and Colict them in a Lawful way if we must pay them and also Give to us a rul or precept of Velueation to go by

Sined in behalf of the Inhabitants of wentworth.

John Akin

[11-77] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Wentworth December ye 12th 1783

We the Selectmen of wentworth Return to the General Court of this State the Exact Nomber of male Poles from twenty one years old and upwards paying taxes for them selves in this town which is twenty seven agreable to our Invoise

attest per us—

John Akin } Selectmen
Benja Weeks } of wentworth

[11-78] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative, 1799: addressed to the General Court.*]

The town of Wentworth not haveing one hundred and fifty rateable polls and is so situated as to render the Assessing thereof with any other town parish or place very inconvenient. Wherefore your petetioners (being the majority of voters in the aforesaid town) prays that your Honors would Issue a writ for sending a Representative to the General Court—

your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Merrill Pilsbury	Saml Smart	Willm White
Thomas Clark	Forts Stone	Benjamin Page
Peter Stevens	Ebenr gove	Nicholas Chase
Asa Smith	John Akin	Saml Haper
Warren Smith	Timothy Clifford	Benja Cotton
John Smith	Ezekiel Akin	Ruben Whitcher
Peter Martin	David Gibson	Wm Haines

Moses Eaton	Saml Elsworth	John Haines
Job Eaton	Jeremiah Elsworth	Matthias Haine
Absalom Peters	Joseph Smith	Thomas Hodge
Amos Clark	Benj^{a} Smith	Sam McMurphy
Joseph Kimball	John Gardiner	Asa putney
Jon^{a} Kimball	Abel Willard	Joseph putney
Isaac Clifford	Hugh McClellan	David Sanders
Isaac Clifford J^{r}	David Smith	Ben^{ja} Brown
Jonathan Eames	Saml Johnson	Nathan Brown
Jonathan Eames jr	John Page	James Putney
Samuel Eames	True Page	

[R. 4–168] [*Soldier's Order.*]

John T. Gilman Esqr please to pay Joshua Pickering all arrears of wages Due to me for my services in the New Hampshire line in Coll Jackson Regiment you will oblige yours to serve—

Joseph Cooper

Wentworth ye 24th July 1792

[11–79] [*Remonstrance against the Incorporation of the Universalist Society, 1801.*]

Wentworth May 20th 1801.

To the Honorable Legislature of the State of New Hampshire to convene at Hopkinton the first Wednesday in June next—

The Petition of the Undersigners Inhabitants of the town of Wentworth humbly sheweth—

That Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the town intend to petition your Honors for an act of Incorporation into a Society by the denomination of Universalists, we pray your Honors NOT to grant the object of s^{d} Petition, for it appears to us that such an incorporation would operate greatly to the damage not only of this town but also the towns adjoining,—by gaining the appearance of the sanction of so Honorable a Body in favor of their licentious principles it would become a mean of recommending them to the inconsiderate rising generation, to the corruption of their hearts and morals—It would have a tendency not only to establish corrupt preaching among us, but also to prevent our enjoying the true Gospel of Christ—and such a Society would become an asylum for persons in other towns, who merely from disaffection, will, and covetousness,

wish to be freed from paying ministerial taxes, in the towns where they reside, agreeable to a suggestion of some of their leaders.

We would further state to your honors that were we to judge by the general complexion of their deportment, we should conclude that it could not be a desire to promote real piety which induces them to apply for an incorporation—Nor do we see why they do not enjoy their Constitutional Rights without it

As it is probable that, in order to obtain the object of their wishes they will present to your Honors what they call a vote of the town that they would not oppose their obtaining an incorporation, we would, with submission, subjoin a brief statement of the manner of obtaining it—

An article was inserted in the warning for town meeting "to see if the town would vote that they might be incorporated," which was clearly negatived, after which it was motioned by one of them to see if the town were willing that the Universalists should enjoy their Constitutional Rights, which was voted in the affirmative—But this did not answer their wishes—One of them then motioned to see if the town would vote not to oppose their obtaining an Incorporation, and as such an article was not contained in the warning, and the people had not thought sufficiently on such a motion, the main body of the Substantial Inhabitants did *not vote* on the subject, and the Universalists tho' a minority of the meeting, voted that they would not oppose their obtaining an incorporation—Thus clandestinely was the appearance of a vote obtained to answer their purpose, which we pray your honors not to consider as the voice of the town

And now, we assure your honors that should they obtain their object, it will much grieve the religious, sober, and well disposed in this and the neighbouring towns; and if we should be so unhappy as to have such a society in this town, we are extremely sorry that persons among us should become the means of disturbing and injuring neighboring towns.

We intreat therefore that your Honors would consider this our humble petition and grant our earnest request, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c—

Ephraim Page	Moses Eaton	Nathan Brown
Peter Stevens	Isaac Smith	Franis Davis
John Page	Amos Heard	Asa Smith
Benj^a Knowlton	thomas Clark	Ezekiel Akin
John Ellsworth	Amos Clark	John Kimball
Samuel Page	Allexander Stewart	David Currier
John Dana	Job Eaton	Edward Smith
Merrill Pilsbury	Samuel Elsworth	Isaac Clifford
Josiah Stevens	Samuel Ellsworth Jr	Moses Clifford

Josiah Pilsbury	Benjamin Smith	Samuel Currier Junr
Isaac Clefford	Joseph Smith	Samuel Hooper
Samuel Stevens	Thomas Blodget	John Akin
Joseph Kimball	Hugh mc clellan	Thomas Hodge
Samuel Currier	Samuel Johnson	Ebenzar Bradley
Reuben Smith	Joseph Putney	

[11-80] [*Petition for Incorporation of the Universalist Society: addressed to the General Court, 1802.*]

Wentworth May 24th 1802

The Liberal Constitution and peaceable Laws of this State not only tolerates but makes it the duty of every Citizen to worship God according to the dictates of his own Conscience proprovided he does not disturb others in their religious worship we the subscribers inhabitants of Wentworth demeaning ourselves Christians and good subjects of this State do pray your honors to incorporate us and our associates into a body corporate by the name or appellation of, Wentworth, Universal Religious, Society, with power sufficient to make adequate provision for the support and maintainance of a public Protestant teacher of piety, religion, and morality, as in duty bound will ever pray—

True Page	Jeremiah Jewett	Joseph Clark
Jona Hidden	Ebenr Gove	John Gardiner
John Munn	Ruben Clifford	Willm White
James Eaton	Isaac clifford	Benja Page
James Harris	Lemuel Kezer	Winthrop True
Aaron Jewett	Peter Morton	Ruben Whicher

[11-81] [*Remonstrance to foregoing: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Subscribers, freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth In the County of Grafton, beg leave to State to Your honors, that very lately they have, by mere accident discovered, in a paper printed at Concord Stil'd the Republican Gazette, Notice given that William White and others inhabitants of said Wentworth, have petitioned the General Court, praying that they and their associates may be Incorporated into a Body Corporate, by the Name or appellation of Wentworth Universal Religious Society, that by the order of the same Court the petitioners are to be heard on the first Tuesday of the present Ses-

sion—Wherefore we beg leave to say that there does not appear to be a Majority of the Inhabitants of the said Universal persuasion, that the principal part of professors consist of the Congregational and Baptist Societys therefore we conceive that if the prayer of this petition should be granted and an Incorporation of said petitioners shall take place it will be attended with the serious consequences to the present professors and Introduce great confusion, by Increasing parties, and suppressing the Settlement of any Standing order of Religion—Wherefore we pray that your honors will take the matter into your wise Consideration and postpone any further proceedings on the Subject—As in duty bound will pray

Wentworth May 23d 1803

Samuel Elsworth	David Currier	Peter Stevens Ju
John Kimball	James Putney	Moses Eaton
Benja Knowlton	Fraincies Davies	Robert Eames
Currier Page	Asa Putney	Jona Kimball
John Akin	John Ellsworth	Job Eaton
Peter Stevens	Samuel Ellsworth Jr	James ———
Joseph Kimball	Enoch Gove	Samuel Johnson
Ezekiel Akin	Reuben Whicher Jr	Merrill Pilsbury
John Dana	Joseph smith	Edward Smith
John Page	Josiah Stevens	Samuel Stevens
Samuel Currier	Alexand Stewart	Benjman Smith

[In H. of Rep., June 8, 1803, the matter was postponed until the next session.—Ed.]

WHITEFIELD.

The township was granted, July 4, 1774, to Josiah Moody and others, in ninety-four shares, and named Whitefields. Levi H. Dodge, Esq., to whom the editor is indebted for some data, and who is collecting materials for a history of the town, believes that the town was named in memory of Rev. George Whitefield, but is unable to account for the plural ending of the word as written in the charter, and as generally used until the town was incorporated, December 1, 1804.

The town was unsettled until 1801. About that time Col. Joseph Kimball, Maj. John Burns, and John McMaster staked out their claims, and during the following spring took

up their residence there with their families. The first town meeting after incorporation was held in March, 1805.

By an act approved December 24, 1805, Levi Willard, Stephen P. Webster, and Samuel Minot were appointed "to direct the course of a road through Whitefield from Lancaster to Bethlehem;" and John Burns, John McMaster, and Benjamin Brown were appointed a committee to assess a tax of two cents on each acre of land in Whitefield, public rights excepted, to be used in making said road.

Maj. Gen. John G. Foster was born in this town in 1823; he died in Nashua in 1874. The first post-office was established in 1824. William Dodge was appointed post-master, and held the office until his death in 1837.

[11-113-2] [*Petition for a Grant of the Town, 1773.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esquire Governor & Commander in Chief of ye Province of New Hampshire, and to The Honorable His Majesty's Council of the said Province]

The Petition of Josiah Moody and his Associates humbly sheweth—That your Petitioners being desirus of carrying on some settlements in this Province, and having a number of Families ready to remove into it. if they can be accommodated with a suitable tract of Land: pray your Excellency & Honors that they may have liberty to look out for such a Tract among the unappropriated Lands in the northern parts of the Province which they will engage to settle very speedily—And that your Excellency & Honors will please to favor them with a Grant of the same on the usual conditions and reservations—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c. &c.

Josiah Moody, &
for his Associates.

Portsmouth 12th April 1773

[In answer to the foregoing a township was granted July 4, 1774, purporting to contain 19,077 acres, with an allowance of 1,070 acres for unimprovable land, and named Whitefields. The name occurs four times in the record of the grant, and it has the plural termination in every instance.—Ed.]

[11-113-3] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1804.*]

To the Honorable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire

Humbly Sheweth your Petitioners inhabitants of the Township of Whitefields in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire that many dificulties they labour under would be removed were they vested with priviledges of incorporated Towns—therefore they pray the Tract of Land Situate in said County of Grafton Now Called Whitefields Bounded as follows—

Beginning at a Beach Tree on the Southeast Corner of Lancaster being in Northeasterly Line of Apthorp and running South twenty six degrees East one mile and one hundred Eighty rods to the Northeasterly Corner of Apthorp thence on the Easterly line of Apthorp South fifty six degrees West four miles one hundred and twenty rods to the Northwest Corner of Lloyd Hills thence on the Northerly of Lloyd Hills South fifty eight degrees East five miles ten rods to the West Line of Britton Woods thence on the West Line of Britton Woods North two miles one hundred sixty six rods to the North West Corner of said Britton Woods then on the North Line of Britton Woods East three miles and one half to the Westerly Line of Dartmouth then on said Westerly Line of Dartmouth North five miles two hundred sixty rods to the Easterly line of Lancaster then on said Easterly Line of Lancaster South sixty nine degrees west five miles fifty rods or to the first mentioned Bound may be incorporated by the name of Whitefield—and as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Whitefields May 25th 1804

John Burne	John Mcmaster	amasa Dutten
Aaron Bailey Jur	David Burns	Joseph Kimball
Jesse Kelsa	William Burne	Simon Sanborn
Benjamin Sanbon	Abraham Sanburn	

[In H. of Rep., June 20, 1804, "Voted that the prayer thereof be granted." The senate did not concur, but voted "that the Petioners be heard on their Petition before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session and that they cause the substance of their Petition and order of court thereon to be published in the Newspaper printed at Hanover three weeks successively the first publication to be six weeks prior to said day of hearing, and post up the like subitance & order in some public place in said Town of Whitefields."

In H. of Rep., November 27, 1804, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. Senate concurred. The act of incorporation passed, and was approved December 1, 1804. The preamble reads as follows: "Whereas the

Inhabitants of Whitefields in the county of Grafton have petitioned the General Court praying that they may be incorporated into a township by the name of Whitefield and invested with all such privileges and immunities as other towns in this State hold and enjoy which prayer appearing reasonable," etc.

John Burns and Joseph Kimball, or either of them, were authorized to call the first meeting.—ED.]

WESTMORELAND.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts about the year 1735, and called No. 2, and Great Meadows, until Feb. 12, 1752; at which time it was chartered by the governor and council of New Hampshire to Thomas Chamberlain and others, by its present name. The conditions of the charter not being fulfilled, an extension was granted by an instrument dated June 11, 1760.

Settlements were made under the first grant in 1741, but as the settlers were several times attacked by the Indians, no great progress was made for some years.

A portion of the town called Westmoreland Leg was combined with the westerly part of Gilsum, and incorporated as a town by the name of Surry, March 9, 1769.

Westmoreland men in the First N. H. Regiment:

Nehemiah Gould,* enlisted Apr. 29, 1777; discharged Aug. 10, 1778.

Sergt. David Johnson, enlisted Apr. 16, 1777; discharged Dec., 1781.

James Simonds, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 20, 1778.

James McKinsey, of W., enlisted July, 1779, to go to R. I. for the town of New Ipswich.

Sergt. Caleb Aldrich was in Capt. Benj. Ellis's Co., Scammell's Regt., Feb., 1781, and James Eddy of Keene was in the same Co. for Westmoreland. Lieut. Jonathan Holton was in Capt. Kimball Carleton's Co., and was wounded in the face at Bennington.

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* Reported as having died in the service.

[11-83] [*Petition for a Grant from New Hampshire; addressed to the Governor & Council, 1750.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers hereunto most humbly Shews—That sundry of your Petitioners Sometime vizt about Seven years before the last Indian War, Settled under the massachusets at a place call'd Number Two laying on the East side of Connecticut River about fourteen miles above Fort Dummer (which by the late Running of the Boundary line between New Hampshire and the Province of massachusets Bay falls within the Province of New Hampshire) where they layd out their substance and that at their own cost and Charge for their Defence against the French and Indian Enemy on the opposite side of the River they built a Fort—that after the Indian War broke out they were obliged to leave their Habitations and lost Considerable of their Substance—that since the late Peace with the Indians they have returned to the s^d Place That Sundry of your Petitioners are Children of Such as Set down at said place at first and expended their money in making the first settlement there—That your Petitioners have been at least one hundred and fifty Pounds old Ten^r Charge the last fall in making and Clearing Roads—That as they have No Incorporation—They labour under Insuperable Difficulty not being in a Capacity to raise any Moneys for any public use or service—And That unless they are enabled so to do, they shall be under an unavoidable necessity of leaving the said place and thereby loosing all they have been out there—

Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly pray your Excellency and Honours to make a Grant of the s^d Tract of land calld Number two to your Petitioners And such others as your Excellency and Honours shall think proper so as to make up the number sixty four in all—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

Jan^ry 30:^th 1750

*Daniel How	*Hariden Wheeler Junr	Williom Moor
*Jethro Wheeler	*Jethro Wheeler	*Joshua How
*Thos Chamberlain	Simeon Knight	Beniamin Knights
Amos Davies	martin Severance	Silas Brown
Amos Davis jun^r	John Brown	*meshach Taylor
Jonas Davis	*Abner How	John Alexander
Samuel Davis	*Josiah Foster	Daniel Shattuck Sener
Ebenezer Davis	Samuel Foster	Enoch Hall
*moses Wheeler	michal gibson	Simon Hall
isaac chamberlain	John Sheilds	Thomas Chamberlain
Josiah Chamberlen	Danil Sheilds	

Joshua Chambrlain	*beniaman alldridge	*Nathaniel Woods
jedidiah Chamberlain	*Jonathan hildrith	*Jeremiah Hall
Job Chamberlain	*Joseph How	Isaac Stone
Aaron Davis	*Daniel How Junr	

Those Marked * thus are Grantees from the Mass[a] & Severall of them have 2 & 3 rights apeice therefore they have Entred Some of their Children as Chandler How Wheeler &c[a]

Mem[o]

Maj Willard
Coll Willard 5 Rights
Maj[r] ffowle – 3 rights
Philip alexander an original Grantee & Settler
rich[d] Ward an old Grantee to be Entred

[The charter was granted Feb. 12, 1752.—Ed.]

[11—84]

The Names of those men that are to be put In the Charter of Township N[o] 2 on the East side of Conecticut River—

Thomas Chamberlain	Samuel minot	Jethro wheeler Jur
	John Fowl Jur	Fairbanks moor Jur
Benj[n] Aldridge	Philip Alexander	Joseph Bellows
Daniel How	Richard Ward	Heridon wheeler
Jethro Wheeler	Nathaniel Harris	Isaac Chamberlain
Daniel How Jur	Cornelius White	Josiah Chamberlain
Caleb How	Ebenezer Turner	Joshua Chamberlain
Samuel How	Samuel Livermore	Amos Davis
Abner How	Samuel Williams	50 Jedediah Chamberlen
Josiah Willard	30 moses Hastens	
10 oliver Willard	John Chandler	Jonathan Cole
John Ames	Simeon Alexander	mical Gilson
Volentine Butler	Ebenezer Hubbard	Simeon Knights
Samson Willard	Joseph Harengton	John Brown
John Fowl	John Rugg	William How
James Fowl	*Thomas marshall	Jonathan Cummings Jur
Nathanel Woods	Ebenezer Hinsdale	
Jeremiah Hall	Samuel Hunt	John Chamberlain
Timothy Harrengton	John Alexander	John Taylor
Josiah Foster	40 Enoch Hall	Daniel Pearce
20 Edward How	william moor	

1 Society for Propagation of y[e] Gospel 1 first Minister
1 Glebe 1 Atkinson 1 Wibird 1 Smith 1 Downing
1 Sheaffe 1 John Wentworth Jur Esq 1 Govern[r] Lott
1 Chace Min[r] of N. Castle

[11-85] [*Complaint relative to Bounds of the Grant of 1752: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1752.*]

May it please your Excellency with the Honourable Counsil to Condesend to hear the humble Petetion of the Propriators and Inhabitants, of the Town of Westmorland.

The Province of the Massachusetts Enjoying the land on this part of this River which they then Claim'd as their property, consonant with which supposed Title wee petetioned for this Township, and being granted, wee immediatly proceeded to a Settlement about Fourteen years since, when by the Running the Line of the Provinces wee fell within the Limmitts of your Excellencys Government, and by Renewed Petetion made to Your Excellency for a Renewed grant of the Land, wee have been favour'd with the same, but as wee Suspect not according to the Intention of Your Excellency and Honourable Counsil, for Major Willard and Mr Bellows hath not Conform'd to our Original Grant from the Massachusetts nor according to our Intention, which was to abide by our Original Lines, which are at present destroy'd, for the upper line is removed near Two milles lower down the River from whence our grant first took place, in which lay our Meadows or entervails, with our second divisions and all our Improvements on them whith the best part of our land and extending our line two milles lower down Includeing barren and Rockey Hills, no ways commoding the town, and then stretching the Line upon the north side of the Upper ashawhelock, which leaves us the barren land and mountains betwixt us, which Lyeth so far distant from the Body of the Town, that will never Commode the same, and these our Grievances wee fear will disable this town, either for the maintaining the Gospel, or sufficient Inhabitants to withstand the Indians, now wee prayeth for the Restoration and Confirmation of our Original Lines

Wee would advertise your Excellency and the Honble Counsil that when Mr Bellows went with a Petetion for No^br 3 Called walpole, he enter'd a number of names leaving out the names of the Old propriaty of that Town, and particularly them that had Cleard part of their land, and built also, Offering them but Eaqual Encouragement with others never labouring there, and depriving them of their labour without satisfaction for the Same, and he went in with his Petetion which being granted him, he is suppos'd to have purchas'd of them whose names were inserted for a Small Consideration, and now will give but the small Encouragement of fifty Acres of Upland to each Settler, without any Entervail, and this Prejudices people against settleing there, having before interrupted the former propriarty in their Settleing and now discouraging them after great ex-

pence, which wee fear will be Very detrimental to the Settleing his and our Town—

Neither petetion we for the additional grant of any other land particularly the farm formerly granted to Lieutenant Govr Taylor but only for the bair Lines which wee Enjoyd until the late Lines were Ran by the fore mentioned Gentlemen—

Wee would further Certifie Your Excellency and the Honble Counsil that we ware the first petetioners for land on this River, and have suffer'd the greatest Losses from the Enemy by fire and Sword, and have hitherto stood the Heat and burthen of the day, and at last to be undone without the knowledge of Your Excellency together with the hon^ble Counsil, who if truly knowing and fully understanding the same, wee hope from your now Goodness and Clemency will redress these our present difficulties which wee groan under and which is Submitted By Your Excellencys humble Petetioners, who as in duty bound will ever Continue to pray for you.—

In the name and by the Consent of the Inhabitants & propriators on the Spot, { Daniel How, Jethro Wheeler

Benjamin Aldridge	Herrodiam Wheeler	Samuel How
Amos Davis	Isaac Chamberlin	Edward How
Thomas Chamberlin	Joshua Chamberlin	Abner How
Daniel How Junr	Jedediah Chamberlin	Simeon Alexander
John Warner		Phillip Alexander
Jethro Wheeler Ju^r	Caleb How	

P, S, Mr Bellows hath Layd out his Town about Nine Milles long on the River but four milles wide at the Lower end, and but three milles wide at the upper end—

And the four milles wide, & Two Milles in length is run down in to our town that is the Occasion of our Grief—

Westmoreland April the 29th 1752

[11-86] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

Westmoreland June 30th 1776

To the Counsell and Hous of Representatives of the Colony of New Hampshire, or the Committee of Safety for s^d Colony

Gentlemen we have Jest heard of the Retreet of our Nothard armey Which Puts us in feere that the Savages Will Be Down upon our frontteers and we in this Towne Being verey Short for amunition; as Well as Sum armes Wanting; Have with

our Naboring Towne agreed to Send mr Amos Babcock after armes and amunition; and we hope that we may Be Saplied With those articals Without Which we Cannot Defend our Selves Nor oure Country in order that each man have one Pound of Powder we Want in this Towne sixtey wait; and we Want fore hundred flints one hundred wt of Lead and Twenty guns Which Will Well aquip us for wor if mr Babcock Can Be Soplied With the above articals we the Subscribors Being the Committee of Safety for the Towne of Westmoreland Will in Behalf of the Towne ingage the Pay

Joseph Burt
Ebner Bretten Junr
John Chamberlin

[R. 4-169] [*Jonathan Holton, Bennington Soldier, 1778.*]

To the Honourable Counsel and House of the General Assembly of the state of New Hampshire—

The Petition of Lieut Jonathan Holton of Westmorland In the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner being A Lieuftenant In Capt Carltons Company In Colo Nicholes Rigiment was in the Month of August last past in the Fight at Bennington Badly wouned A Ball striking his upper Lip and tearing it allmost off which Ball came out in his right Cheek and allso was at the same time hit by a buck shot which Entered his Left Cheek and Lodged near his Right Eye by which wounds Your Petitioner is some Disfigured and his speech some what Impaired and allso your Petitioner by means of said wounds has all most lost seven months Labour besides his cost to surgeons and some other necessary expences to obtain A Cure which he has not yet wholly obtained your Petitioner therefore prays that the Honourable Court would Grant him his Account and allso for his Disfigurement and Great Pain make him shuch further Consideration as they in their wisdom shall think proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Westmorland May 8: 1778

Jonathan Holton Lieut

[August 20, 1778, allowed £11, 0, 6, and half pay.—Ed.]

[Rev. Papers, p. 291] [*Col. Bellows's Return, 1779.*]

We the subscribers Enlist ourselves as Soldiers in Captain Ephraim Stones Company in Col° Herculaus Mooneys Regiment raised in Said State to Serve at Rhoad Island for the term of Six months and promise Obedience to our officers as Good Soldiers—

Robert Packard
William Hartwell } July 6th 1779
Samuel Slade

Elias Broton
Amasa Fuller } ye 10th
Silas Royse

Hezekiah Reynolds ye 12th

Isaac Tatten
Isaac Tatten Jur } ye 19th

Isaac Walker
Samuel Willard } ye 30th

Edward Keyes Augt ye 9th

The abovenamed men were raised out of the Regiment under my Command

Benja Bellows Col°

[Ephraim Stone was at Bunker Hill in Capt. Jacob Hinds's Co.—Ed.]

[R. & P. Papers, p. 67] [*Ensign Aldrich's Order, 1776.*]

Westmorland Decemb 25 : 1776—

Sr Pleas to send by Mr Ebenezer Brittin the money that is my Due for things that I Lost at Bunker Hill Fight and you will oblige yours &c

George Aldrich Ens
Capt Hinds Co
Col° Reeds Regt

the Hon1 Timothy Walker Esq

[R. 4-170] [*Soldier's Petition, 1779: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Shew Benjamin Whitcomb Esqr Major & Commander of an Independent Corps of Rangers in the Continental Service George Aldrich a Captain in said Corps & Jonas Butterfield a Lieutenant in said Corps, all of Westmoreland in said State. That by the Report of the Committee on Allowance to soldiers in the Service, made to the General Court in November last they & said Corps were entitled to all the privileges that the three Continental Regiments of this State are entitled

to by a resolve of the General Assembly of this State of the twenty Sixth Day of March 1779 on the same being ascertained by a return from the Continental board of War That the said Board of Ward have hitherto delayed to make said return whereby they are as yet excluded from receiving the benefits they are entitled to by said report the President refusing to give an order for the Sums respectively due to them till said return is made—They therefore pray that the President may be authorized to give them orders on the Treasury for the sums due to them according to their respective ranks for which they shall be accountable till the said return is made & as bound shall pray in behalf of said Petitioners

Joseph Burt

Decr 27th 1779

[In H. of Rep., December 29, 1779, the forgoing petition was granted. Council concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 4-174] [*Relative to Moses Thompson, Soldier, 1780.*]

To the Honourable Council and assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of Elijah Temple of Westmorland In said State humbly Sheweth that whereas your Petitioner in the Month of December Anno Domini 1778 Meeting with one Moses Thomson a Continental Soldier belonging to Capt Aldrich^{s} Company in Major Whitcombs Koore of Rangers with booth his Feet Froze in such A Manner as Rendered him unable to Walk or do Any Business and was Destitute of Money and the Necessaries that his Condition Required Your Petitioner after Considering his Curcumstances out of Pitty Duty and Humanity toock the said Moses Thomson into his House and by the Direction of the Select Men provided Such Necessaries as his Curcumstances Required to the Value of two hundred and fifty two Pounds as appears by Your Petitioners Account your Petitioner therefore Prays that the Honourable Court would Grant him the said sum of two Hundred and fifty two Pounds or otherways Act on this Petition as the Honourable Court in their Wisdom Shall think proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Elijah Temple

Westmorland January 23 : 1780

This May Certify that the within named Moses Thompson

was a Solder in my Company when he froze and that he was taken Care of as within mentioned

George Aldrich Capt

Westmorland Janry 28th 1780

This may Certify that we the then Select men of westmorland Did Direct the within named Tempel to Take Cair of Sd Thompson as is Specifyd in the within Petition

Ephraim Stone
Daneil Peirce

westmorland Febr 4th 1780

[R. 4-176] [*Ezra Gates, Soldier, 1780.*]

To the Honourable Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

This May Certify the Honourable Court that We the Subscribers being Select Men in the Year 1779 in the Month of October the same Year did Request and Employ Lieut Isaac Chamberlain of Westmorland in said State to Keep and take Care of one Ezra Gates A Continental Soldier who was sick with A Fever and allso did Employ Docr Heber Miller to attend him as a Physician

Nathan Franklin } Select
William Hutchins } Men

Westmorland May 27: 1780

[R. 4-177] [*Dr. Heber Miller's Petition, 1780.*]

To the Honourable Council and House of Assemble for the State of New Hampshire—

The Memorial of Heber Miller of Westmorland in the County and State Aforesaid Humbly sheweth that whereas one Ezra Gates of Haverril in said state on the thirtieth Day of October last (said Gates being a Continental Soldier in Colo Hazens Regiment and Capt Harrins Company) being on his March from Haverril Aforesaid to Join his Regiment unfortunatly was taken sick of A Fever at the House of Lieut Isaac Chamberlains in said Westmoreland by means of which Fever the said Gates Continued at the said Chamberlains from the thirtieth Day of October Aforesaid to the twenty fifth Day of December then next following in which Time your Memorialist at the Desire and Request of the then Select-Men made him sundry Visits and Administred sundry Medicines to the Amount of one

hundred and fifty seven pounds—as Appears by Your Memorialists Account Accompaning this Petition, Your Memorialist therefore prays that the Honourable Court would Grant him the said sum of one Hundred and

And furthermore Your Memorialist at the Request of sundry Freeholders of Westmorland Aforesaid did on the Eleventh Day of August last past Issue a Warrant Against one David Johnson Junr of Westmoreland Aforesaid he being a Continental Soldier to shew Cause if any he had the Reason of his being Absent from his Regiment on trial the said David plead Bodily Indisposition and requested an Adjournment and an Examination by regular physicians which request from principles of humanity I Granted and summoned Gideon Tiffany Obadiah Blake Solomon Harvey and Moses Esqr physicians to Meet at the House of Lieut Isaac Chamberlains in said Westmorland to Examin the said David Johnson who after being Duely sworn did on the twentieth Day of August aforesaid Examin the said David and brought in their Repourt that he was then unfit to indure the fatigues of the Camp on which Repourt I then Dismised the said David Johnson from his Confinement for which servis the physicians Aforesaid Charged thirty five pounds as appears by their Account which sum Your Memorial prays that the honourable Court would Grant him and also the Constables Account and an Adequate Reward for the servis of Your Memorialist or Otherways act on this petition as the Honourable Court in their Wisdom shall think proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Heber Miller

Westmorland June 3 : 1780

[R. 4-178] [*David Johnson, Soldier; 1779.*]

Westmoreland Augt 20th 1779

To Heber Miller Esqr

In Obedience to your command we have taken into our consideration of the state of David Johnson Junr and upon mature consideration at present look upon him to be unfit for to indure the fatigues of the Camp by reason of bodily indisposition

Gideon Tiffany
Obadiah Blake
Solomon Havey } Phisicions
Moses Barnard

[R. 4-179] Westmorland June 5 : 1780

To Serving A Warrant on David Johnson Junr Dated the Eleventh Day of August last past, and the attendance—	£6-0-0
To my Expences and the Attendants Expences—	9-0-0
	15-0-0

Jonathan Goodenow Constable

[R. 4-180]

Physicans account for attending a Court of Examination on David Johnson Ju for six days attendance for themselves & horses with Necessary Expenses £35 : 0 : 0

Gideon Tiffany Solomon Harvey
Obadiah Blake Moses Barnard

Westmorland August 20th 1779

[R. 4-182] [*Petition of David Johnson, Jr., 1780.*]

To the hon^ble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Assembly Convened October 1780—

Humbly Shews

David Johnson jun^r of Westmorland in the County of Cheshire That having served in the Armies of the United States until May 1777 he then enlisted in one of the New Hampshire Battalions for three Years in which he served till after the Evacuation of Ticonderoga—That soon after the Battle of Hubbardtown he was taken sick at Williams-Town in the County of Berkshire & thereby confined there fifteen Months near eleven at his own private Expence—That he has never since perfectly recovered his health, but has been in a very weak infirm state—not able to join his regiment & do the duty of a soldier nor even to earn his bread by bodily labour—Notwithstanding which he has been taken up as a Deserter more than once but upon advice of Phisicians dismist—That last week on the Sabbath he was again forcibly taken As a Deserter by one Britton a private man & brot to Exeter in order to be committed to Gaol as such —That were of sufficient Ability he shoud gladly have discharged his Duty in the said Regiment & performed his said Engagement—But his said sickness has so entirely impaired his Constitution that he is rendered totally incapable thereof Wherefore he prays your honors Interposition in his behalf

That he may have liberty to return home and live in peace there & as in Duty bound shall pray &c—

David Johnson Junr

Octr 30th 1780—

[R. 4–183] [*Lois Johnson's Petition.*]

To the Honourable Senate & house of Representativs for the State of Newhampshire To Be hold At Portsmouth on the first of febeuary Next—

Gentlemen. Inasmuch as my husband David Johnson was inlisted
And Served as a Soldier in Colonel Nathan hales Regt &
Carrs Company Untill Sickness Disabled him notwithstanding
He Was Still Retained, at the Call of hiss Country; Should
Hiss health have been Restored, as may appear by an act
Of The Honourable house of Representatives Dated November
The first 1780, I therefore thought good, humbly to Request
That the Wages Due to my husband, might be paid
To Me for discharging debts; by him Contracted for
The help of Physians and nesasarys of life While
He remained at the Call of Hiss Country, as May appear
By the testimony of the Committee of Inspection and Select
Men of Williamstown dated June 29 1780 Therefore Humbly Confiding
In your goodness and, generous disposition to plead the Cause
Of the Widow and fatherless I Humbly Subscribe Myself
Yours as by dutty bound

January 23^{d} 1786 Loas Johnson

Administratrick of S^{d} Estate—

[11–87] [*Statement concerning matters in Town, 1781.*]

Westmorland 13 Feby 1781—

Sir—

Before this reaches you, you will undoubtedly hear of the disorder in this part of the State,—I find that people pretend to be actuated by several motives,—some say that the Court of New Hampshire are so Arbetary that they ought to brake from them, some say that New Hampshire had rather confine the State to the Mason Line, then have any of the Grants west of

the River; but some more bold Enemies to the State and States, such as Capt Daniel Carlile of Westmorland who on the seventh of this Instant before several witnesses,—Did declare, that for his part, he was for the Convention, not because he saw what they was after, but the more disorder the better in order to bring about a Revolution: for says he We must either be subject of France or Britton and for his part, he chose *Great Britton*, and if the people would rise and drive the French from the Continent, he would go in parson, or contribute *one hundred hard Dollars* towards the same; for says he, the people must throw of the authority, and then they could make a peace, for a peace with Great Britton was what he wanted and said, I am not, afraid to declare my sentiments before your best Authority, for said he your Authority is weak and if three Towns will Combine together, the Authority dare not medle with them, nor send for any Tax and as for myself says he I will pay no more Taxes to New Hampshire, for a Revolt, from Authority is what I want, and such like conversation, this Capt Carlile and some other disaffected persons have been very active by one means or other to lead the people to Act as inconsistant with and I think as much against their interest and the common good, as they could have acted; this is not the only Town for I am well informed that the disaffected persons are all engaged in this new Plan, for seperating from New Hampshire, as they please to term it; but I believe it is more as Capt Carlile desires it to be, to bring on all the disorder possible. He and some others are grone to be very bold and I wish for heavens sake that Authority might take place and all our domestick Enemies might either be subjected to Authority or driven from us for they are the Pest of Society, and I think they are on the gaining hand in this part of the State—Sir I thought it my Duty, to inform your honor of this that you might be acquainted of what persons we have amongst us—

I am Sir
Your Honors most
Obed^t^ and Hble Servt
Joseph Burt

The Honble Mesheck Weare

[11–88] [*Sundry Citizens against a Union with Vermont, etc.: addressed to the General Court, 1781.*]

The memorial of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire, & State of New Hampshire:—Humbly sheweth—That your memorialist, ever Anxious

to promote the grand cause of the United States of America, & particularly the State of New Hampshire; and at all times have endevored to defend the same, and never sought by any means whatever, to leave the government of New Hampshire by attempting to Joine with any other State, or Body of People; yet conterary to our will, there has been Votes obtained in many Towns in this Part of the State, to Joine Vermont so called: the Town of Westmorland (at least a majority of it) has Voted to Joine with them. Your memorialist conceive that such Votes are unconstutinal, therefore cannot be binding upon us:—We your memorialist viewing ourselves as part of the thirteen confederated States, have a right to protection therefrom, and particularly from the State of New Hampshire. considering ourselves as part thereof; and your memorialist humbly pray, that we may be protected from the usurped Authority of Vermont or any unconstitutional Authority whatever, Hoping your Honors will take our unhappy Situation, under your wise consideration and grant us such relief, as shall be most for ours and the States public good;—we beg leave to say that we are much exposed to the inroads of the Enemy—& in a defencless State, through deficiency of Arms & irregularity of the Militia, accru'd by the unhappy Dispute,—Officers Ellected under the Authority of Vermont; some of which have been, in years past considered as inamical to the Liberties of America; altho they are very zealous for the independence of Vermont—we do not pretend to say that they are not good men now; yet we are not without fears, that their designs are not, altogether so friendly to the common Cause, Others who were under the Oath of Fidelity to the thirteen States, have dispenced with their Oaths, & have sworn to support & maintain the Independence of another State; which conduct creates much confusion in this part of the State.—We have entered our protest against their proceedings, and do appeal to the confederated States for protection; wishing that our unhappy situation may be laid before Congress:—Altho those gentlemen that are for the New State, say that Congress, will not take up to determine any thing upon the matter, Nay some say, that Congress have no business to Do any thing more then to receive Vermont into confederation, they direct us to look upon the Other Side of the River, where the New York party have been waiting some years for protection from New York, and Congress, and cannot obtain it, they also add that we had better unite with them, & then Congress will establish the State; but we had rather have the consent of the confederated States first, which if they shall determine that we leave the State of New Hampshire, & be errected into the State together with the grants, west of the river (which if done we trust will be upon a Just and equal footing)

we shall have no Objections, in whose wisdom and prudence we confide, & as in duty bound will ever pray—

Westmorland June 8th 1781

Joseph Wilbur	Jeams Brittin	William Brittin
Elijah Temple	Ebnzr Brittin Ju	Isaac Butterfield
Joseph Burt	Ezekal mixer	Francis Putnam
Nathl Wilbore	Philap Brittin	Philap Wilbore
Daniel Stone	John Adams	Philap Wilbore Jur
Job Wilbore	David Wilbore	Joseph Tompson
John Peirce	Nehemiah Browne	Ebenezer Brettun
Jonas Butterfield	george Clark	Caleb Aldrich
george Aldrich	David Witherell	Nathl Tinney
Ephraim Lenord	Ebnezer gilbart	Ephraim Wood
Elisha Wilbore	Levi goodanow	John Snow
Joseph White	Simeon Proutey	Pendleton Brettun
David Brittin	Elias Chamberlain	William Adams

[R. 4–184] [*James Simonds, Soldier, 1781.*]

To the Honourable Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of James Simons of Westmorland in the County of Cheshire in said State humbly Sheweth that whereas Your Petitioner has ben A Soldier in the Continental Servis in Defending the Just Rights of the united States Against their Enemies in which Servis Your Petitioner has ben Captured and Suffered the inhuman treatment and Severity of the Enemy but after had the Good Fortune to Escape after which I again Joined my Regiment and was in the Battle at Monmouth In which I Extreamly Suffered by the Heat which Rendered me unfit for the servis and obtained A Furlough after which by Reason of my ill State of Helth I obtained several Certificates and Lastly a Discharge and as Your Petitioner has Receivd no Wagers nor Cloathing Your Petitioner Prays that the Honourable Court would make him such Consideration as they in their Wisdom shall think Proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

James Simonds

Westmorland December 18: 1781

[James Simonds was in First N. H. Regiment.—Ed.]

[Rev. Pap. p. 69.] [*Captain Stone's Return, 1782.*]

To the Commity on Claims—I send here inclosed an accompt of what I have paid the men that was made up in my Role in the year 1780—at the Northard and I would [inform] you that I have sent one before and thought you had it long agoe besides an account I sent of two or three men singley

I paid to folowing men the sum sot Down to each mans name

	£-S.		£-S.
Sarg^{t} Richard Holden	24	John Gibson	18 —
Sarg^{t} Eben^{r} Billings	120	Thos Hoit	12 —
fifer John Ganzey	120	Stephen Harris	240 —
George Alrige	24	Henry Merrill	638 18
Caleb Balch	589-16	Benjn Randal	240 —
Cyrus Balch	621- 1	Enos Tempel	300 —
Gam Field	24	Thos Williams	277 15

The above is all the money that I have got Recpts for the unpleted situation of affairs in these parts prevented my gitting the orders I had on some men from the Treasurer but I expect to settel it soon now

Eph^{m} Stone C^{t}.

Westmoreland April 8—1782

[11-90] [*Relative to collecting Taxes, 1782.*]

This May Certify that the Situation of Publick Affairs Ware such in this Town Last year that we think it ware Impossable for Mr Job Chamberlain One of the Constables for the Year 1780 to Collect his Tax that was uncollected Mr Chamberlain Informes us that he has a Quantity of Continental money which He failed for want of an Oppertunity of Sending to the Treasurer As he Sayeth which we Cannot say anything about only that he Is a man of Truth Therefore we Beleive him

Westmoreland May 27th 1782

Benjamin Peirce
Abiel Eddy
Joseph Burt
John Doolittle
} Select Men of Westmoreland

[R. 4-186] [*Bounties Allowed to Soldiers.*]

In Committee on Claims Mar. 15. 1783—

The Bounty advanced by Westmoreland to Wm Martin is

Nine pounds which sum has been deducted from his depreciation
Ex^{d} Per Josiah Gilman Junr

Concord June 22, 1786

The Bounty advanc'd by the Town of Westmoreland to Solomon Robins a Soldier for one year, is Twenty two Pounds, which has been deducted from his depreciation
Ex^{d} Per Josiah Gilman Junr

[R.4–173] [*Certificate relative to Nehemiah Pierce, Soldier.*]

I do hereby certify whome it may concern that Nehemiah Pierce of Westmorland in the State of New-hampshire who Served in the year 1776 in an Expidition against the British in the Service of the afforsaid State under Capt Levi Spalding in Coll^{n} Reads Rejiment and returned in the faul of Said year Sick of a fever and a Sore on his under jaw bone and much exercised with a scorbutick disorder also which several disorders in my opinion have ben the means of disableing him from making Such Provision for his own and families Support as he most Likely would have been had it not ben for the hardships and Sickness which he endured in the abovesaid expidition and for a year or more after his return home during which time he was under my own and other physicians Care in which time I took out with my own hands a part of his under jaw bone the bad effects of which occasioned by a bad & dangerous Sore as above mentioned may be better perceived by inspection than described by writing
Solomon Harvey Physician

Chesterfield may ye 30th 1786

[Said Pierce petitioned Mar. 12, 1779, and was allowed half-pay to continue until Jan. 1, 1780. He petitioned again May 7, 1786, and furnished the foregoing certificate, also one similar from Dr. Lemuel Dickerman of Brattleborough. His half-pay was continued.]

[11-91] [*Recommendations for Magistrates, 1784.*]

To the Honourable Council and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen the town of westmoreland having ben destitute of a Justice of the peace for a Considerable time the Inhabitants thereof finding it to be very inconvenient in many respects to be without they accordingly in town meeting assembled on Y^{e} 29th

day of march 1784 voted that they would bring in their votes for a Justice or Justices of the peace at their adjournment of that meeting to be recommended by the select men of the town to your Honours to be Commitioned the town being met on ye 7th of April according to adjournment they firstly voted that Mr John Doolittle Should be recommended as above mentioned to be Commitioned as a Justice of the peace

William Hutchins } Select
Azariah Leach } men

and 2^ndly at the same meeting Voted that Mr William Hutchins Should also be Recommended to be Commitioned

Westmoreland April 10th 1784

From our honours most Humble Searveants

John Doolittle } Select
Azariah Leach } men

[11-92] [*Josiah Willard relative to a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly sheweth Josiah Willard of Winchester in said State, that he hath been at the Expence of keeping a Ferry across Connecticut River for more than thirty Years at a Place called Lord's Ferry between Westmorland and the Great Meadow (so called) in Putney—that your Petitioner was one of the original Proprietors of said Town of Westmorland, and in selling his Right in said Town reserved a Tract of Land for the use of said Ferry, and that he owneth a large Tract of Land in Putney on the opposite Side of said River—that the said Ferry hath been very expensive to your Petitioner, & that he hath received but little advantage from the same hitherto, but expecteth for the future that, as it is situated to accomodate the People on both Sides of the River, there will be much passing that Way—And that the said Ferry will be not only serviceable to the Public, but profitable to the Person who shall be privileged to keep it. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that the exclusive Right of keeping a Ferry beginning one Mile above the Place where said Ferry is now kept, and extending two Miles down s^d River, may be vested in him, his Heirs and Assigns, And as in Duty bound will ever pray

Josiah Willard

[In the H. of Rep., February 28, 1786, a hearing was ordered for next session.—Ed.]

[11-93] [*Solomon Robbins for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The Petition of Solomon Robbins of Westmorland in the county of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire, yeoman, Humbly Sheweth, that your Petitioner lives almost upon the Bank of Connecticut River in Westmoreland aforesaid, within about half a Mile of Westmorland Meeting house where the Proprietors of Westmorland formerly layed out a Lumber yard, and where there Has for many years been a Ferry Kept, that it is the most convenient place for a Ferry across said River, of any within Some Miles. and Situated on the most direct road from Westmoreland to Putney, where a Ferry must be Greatly beneficial to the Publick.—

He therefore Prays your Honours to Grant unto him and his heirs and assigns, the sole Right of Keeping a Ferry across the River aforesaid against his Dwelling house in Westmoreland aforesaid, under such Regulations as you in your Great Wisdom shall see fit, and that all others may be excluded from keeping a Ferry across said River, within one Mile Either up or Down said River, from his house aforesaid. And He as in Duty bound shall ever Pray, &c

Solomon Robbins

Westmoreland February the 9th 1785

[*Several Citizens in favor of Robbins.*]

To the Great and Honourable the General Court of New Hampshire

We the Subscribers inhabitants of Westmoreland and Towns adjoyning having frequent occasion to cross Connecticut River, do conceive the Ferry at the House of mr Solomon Robbins to be the most convenient of any within several Miles of the same, and Earnestly request that his Petition within Mentioned, may be granted, and we as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Westmoreland February the 9th 1785.

Joseph Burt	Abel Wheeler
Ezekiel Mixer	Tho. Brintnal
Amos Babcock	Jasr Wait
James Gleson	

[The exclusive privilege of a ferry at that place was granted to Mr. Robbins in 1786.—Ed.]

[11-94] [*Micah Reed for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The Petition of Micah Read of Westmorland in the county of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire yeoman, Humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner has Kept, a constant Ferry across Connecticut River, in the Town of Westmorland aforesaid, from said Westmorland to Putney, for a Number of years, against your Petitioners Dwelling house in said Westmorland, that there is great need of a Ferry where he has Kept the same, and that he has been at considerable cost for Boats to Keep said Ferry, and is now well provided with Boats and other accommodations for Keeping the Same, He therefore Humbly Prayeth that your Honours, would Grant unto your Petitioner His Heirs and Assigns, the Sole and Exclusive right of Keeping a Ferry for the future, across said River, against his said Dwelling House in said Westmorland, under such regulations, as you in your Wisdom shall see fit, and that all other Persons may be Excluded from Keeping a Ferry across said River, within sixty rods up or two miles down the Same, and He as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

Micah Read

Westmorland June the 1st 1785.

We Do Hereby certifie that we are of opinion, that there is Great need of a Ferry, against the House of mr Micah Read of Westmoreland, across Connecticut River, and that said Read has Kept the same to General Satisfaction, and is a Suitable person, and well accommodated to Keep the same. We therefore Humbly pray that his Petition above may be granted.

George Aldrich } Selectmen of
William Hutchins } Westmorland

Westmorland June 1st 1785.

[Granted in 1786.—Ed.]

[11-95] [*Relative to a Horse lost in the Service: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

I Ebenezer Britton Jur of Westmorland in Said state, do pray, and Humbly shew that I being a Lieutenant in the melitia of this state in the year AD 1780 in October—at which time there was a Call for the melitia to go forward and Repel the force of the Enemy who at that time burnt the town of Roylton—the Command of the Company whereof I was Lieut devolving upon

me I accordingly Endavoured to forward on the Company under my Command as quick as possable and for the purpose of Conveying the baggage did impress Several horses one of which Was the property of Mr Elisha Wilbore of westmorland and of the value of ten pounds Silver money, which Sum I have paid to the said Elisha wilbore—as an Equivelent for the said horse as the said horse while in Said Service Loaded and traveling fell and broke his Sholder and was thereby lost in the publick service—Your petitioner humbly prayeth that the Said sum of ten pounds—with the Interest thereon may be Allowed to him and paid out of the treasury of this State

Ebenezer Britton Leuet

[Sworn to before John Doolittle, Oct. 18, 1785.—Ed.]

[11-97] [*Isaac Butterfield for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The Petition of Isaac Butterfield of Westmoreland in the county of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire Esqr Humbly sheweth, that there Has been for a Number of years past, a Ferry Kept a cross Connecticut River, Between the Town of Westmoreland aforesaid, and the Town of Putney, Commonly called Lords Ferry, that your Petitioner Owns the Land adjoyning the Ferry aforesaid, in said Westmoreland, that he is very desireous of Keeping the said Ferry, and that there is no other person in said Westmoreland that could be equally accommodated to Keep the same, and that he no ways doubts that your Honours would prefer a Citizen of New Hampshire, before any others to grant the same unto, that he is confident that no person (even on the other side of the River) is so well accommodated to Keep the same, as himself. He therefore Humbly Prayeth, that your Honours, would Grant unto your Petitioners, His Heirs and Assigns, the sole and Exclusive right of Keeping the said Ferry for the Future, under such Regulations as you in your great Wisdom shall see fit, and that all other persons, may be excluded from Keeping a Ferry across said River; within one mile and an half of said Ferry, Either up or Down Said River.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray.

Yours Isaac Butterfield

Westmoreland February the —— 1785.

[11-99] [*Ebenezer Britton for Major, 1785.*]

Westmorland october 18th 1785

Sir a greeable to your Desire I hearby informe you that Ebenezer Brittin Junr is the oldest Capt in the 2st Reidgement and I Know of No objection (in Case the Reidgement Should be filled) why He Should Not Be a major—

I am Sir your Humble Servt George Aldrich

Genl Sulaven

[11-100] [*Vote relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

The State of New Hampshire,

Westmoreland, November the 15th day in the year of our Lord 1786—

agreeable to a request from the Legislative authority of this state the Inhabitants of sd westmoreland on the aforesd day of Nov being legally assembled in town meeting for the purpose Collecting their opinions relative to the proposed plan sent out by the Honl Court for making paper money—

1stly the Question's being put by divideing the house to know the number for having paper money, and the number against it, there appeared to be forty for having paper money made, and twenty against it.

2ndly there appeared on aneother Division thereof to be thirty one against haveing paper money on the present proposd plan: and twentyone for haveing it agreeable to sd plan.—

3rdly Nineteen of those that ware against money's being Emitted agreeable to ye propos d plan which is sent out—Voted that they would have a bank of money made of paper Equal to the sum of this states debt, on the following plan Viz to have it made a tender in all Cases or payments and to have it not on Interest, and to have it given out for to run twenty Years, and to have it sink one twentyeth yearly until it should be Dead

the above is a true Journal of the meeting aforesaid

Attest John Doolittle Town Clerk of sd Westmoreland

[See Atkinson papers, Vol. XI, p. 127.—Ed.]

[11-103] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire

Cheshire ss Westmorland May ye 30th 1791

Wee the Subscribers select men of sd Westmorland hereby Certify that Abiather Shaw of said Westmorland has since may

one thousand seven Hundred & Eighty nine made and Caused to be made in his workshop one hund and Ninety Eight thousand of ten Penny nales and one hundred and fifty four thousand of four Penny nales and fourteen thousand of Twenty Penny nales & thirty five thousand of six penny nales the Whole of the above Nales were bonafidely Wrought and made in the Shop of the aforsaid abiather by himself and hands in his Imploy

Caleb Aldrich } Select men
David Hutchins } of Westmorland

Counter Signed by me Amos Babcock the Neighest Justes of the Peace to s^d^ abiathers Work Shop

Concord June 16 1791

Received an Order on the Treas^r^ for eight pounds in favor of Abiather Shaw as a bounty on 100,000 of 10^d^—& 100,000 of 4^d^ nails—

Archelaus Temple

[The state paid a bounty on hand-made nails.—Ed.]

[11–104] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1792.*]

State of Newhampshire

Cheshire ss westmorland, February ye 2nd 1792

this may Certify that Daniel Cobb of Said Westmorland has sence the Seventh Day of February one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Nine to this Date made and Caused to be made in his work Shop in Said Westmorland one hundred and fifty Seven thousand of Ten penny Wrought Nales and one hundred and three thousand & five hundred and fifty Four penny Wrought Nales in Witness whereof Wee have hereunto Set Our hand^s^

Caleb Aldrich ju^r^ } Select men
David Hutchins } of
Ezra Peirce } Westmorland

[11–108] [*John Kathan for a Ferry, 1799.*]

To the Honirabel General assembly of the State of New Hampshire to be conveined in December next

The Petition of John Kathan of Dummerston in the County of Windham & State of Vermont—humbly Shewith that your

petitioner, was one of the first familay, that setled in the town of Dummerston, then Caled the aquivilant Land[s] as early as the year—1752.—which was then a howling wilderness, & we injoyed our Selves, Very Comfortaibly, for a bout three years, without aney neighbours within five miles, til the french & Indian war broke out, & took Cap[t] James Johnson & familay from N° 4, & Carried them to Canoday, this Put us in Grait fear, & distress, we must then Leave our farm, & all & flee to Garrison, & so on for several summers, til the war Cesed—then we betook our Selves to our farm, after having our house burnt & property Distroied—& as my buildings are Close on the west bank, of the river against Westmoreland, where I the pertitisionar haive Cept a ferry, at all times, by day and night, when Caled on, with botes for teams & Droves of Cattle, &c, & now I am informed, that the same ferrey is about to be Granted, to som other person—therefore your humbel Petitisonar prays, your honours, to take your petitionars Case, into your Serious Consideration, & stil Continue the privilige, to me your humble Petitisionar together with one mile north and South on Said River & as in Dutey bound shall ever pray—

John Kathan

Dummerston 20th of November, 1799—

[11-109] [*Josiah Marsh for a Ferry, 1799.*]

To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives now holden at Concord in the State of New Hampshire

Prays Josiah Marsh

That whereas a Ferry established by law and under good regulations across Connecticut River at the lower part of Westmoreland in s[d] State would be a great benefit & accommodation to the Public, it being a place of much travel, your Petitioner humbly prays the Honorably Senate & House of Representatives to grant him the sole right & privilege of erecting & maintaining a Ferry at any suitable place within foure miles & one half mile from the south line of s[d] Westmoreland extending northerly on s[d] river, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Josiah Marsh

Westmoreland June 1799

[In H. of Rep., December 13, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[11-113] [*Petition for the Incorporation of a Baptist Society: addressed to the General Court, June 4, 1800.*]

Humbly Shew Your Petitioners, Inhabitants of the Towns of Westmoreland, Walpole, Surry and Keene, Professors of Religion by the Denomination of Baptists—That for many years last past they have assembled together for public Worship as a Baptist Society; and, for the more orderly and regular management of the same—pray that they, with such others as may hereafter be admitted as members, may be incorporated into a religious Society to be called and known by the name of the First Baptist Society in Westmoreland with sufficient power and authority to support and Settle a minister—to build and repair meeting Houses and to raise and Collect taxes for those purposes—To warn and hold meetings and to choose all proper officers for transacting and managing the Concerns of said Society and to make by Laws for regulating the same, provided the same are not contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the State—and for Liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly—Or, that the Honourable Court would make such Order on the premises as to them shall seem meet—and as in duty bound pray

Caleb Aldrich Jr	Cyrus Staples	John White
Wm Brettun	Joshua Fuller	Levi Hancock
Sammuel Robbins	John Snow	Benja Leonard
John Brown	Amos Brown	Jonathan Wilber
Asa Hancock	Samuel Woodward	Oliver Wright
Noah Fuller Jr	Jona Winchester	Jabez Straton
Ebenr Wright	Seth Bretun	Philip Britton
Chever Fowler	John Paul	Benjamin Merryfield
John Chamberlain	Dudley Thomas	Benjamin Carpenter
John Chamberlain Jr	Daniel Wilber	Elijah A Hall
	Paul Clark	Zephaniah Leach Jr
Levi Ware	Ephraim Brown	William Aldrich
Oliver Smith	Joseph Whitney	Rufus Smith
Nehemiah Brown	Stephen Bowker	Joshua Hall

We hereby Certify that the Select men of Westmoreland Walpole Surry and Keene have been Served with a Copy of the within petition and order of Court thereon agreeably to the within Directions

Sept 15th 1800

Asa Hancock
Wm Brettun } Committee for sd Petitioners

We hereby Certify that the within Named Petitioners that are Inhabitants of Surry have been Exempted from Ministeral Taxes In Said Town for many years Last past on Acount of their Belonging to the Baptist Society in westmorland—

The Number of Said Petitioners Belonging to Surry Are Nine Only

Surry October 17th 1800

Samᵢ Hills
Asa Hancock } Selectmen of Surry
Sarel Hayward

[The act of incorporation was passed December 10, 1800 See Surry papers, *ante*.—Ed.]

WILTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, Oct. 1, 1749, to Thomas Read and others, and called No. 2. A lotted plan may be found in manuscript town papers, Farmer's collection, vol. 6, in office of secretary of state. Settlements were made there as early as 1738. The town was incorporated June 25, 1762, to continue until Jan. 1, 1765, and named Wilton.

January 2, 1765, the town was again incorporated, "to have continuance until his Majesty's pleasure shall be further known."

An addition was made to the first grant of the town by the Masonian proprietors, of territory priorly belonging to or claimed by the town of Lyndeborough (see Vol. XII, p. 513). With this exception I fail to find any record of any change of the boundaries of Wilton.

Wilton men in First N. H. Regiment:

Timothy Abbott, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged Dec. 31, 1781.

Corp. Israel Howes, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Daniel Holt, enlisted Jan. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Joel Holt, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Nath. Needham,* enlisted March 1, 1777; discharged Jan. 2, 1779.

Benjamin Pierce, enlisted February, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Asa Redington, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Howes, Daniel and Joel Holt, Pierce, and Redington were in the same regiment in 1782. Sergeant Archelaus Batchelder was wounded at Bennington and pensioned.

[11-114] [*Petition relative to County Bounds, etc.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captn General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New Hampshire, and to the Honble his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled—

The Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth, That Your Petitioners being Inhabitants within the Lines of the County Prescribed, (viz) Peterborough West Line and the Easterly Line of Litchfield, And Whereas by Information we are by a Petition from others to your Hon^{rs} rendred incapable by the Reason of the Fewness of Inhabitants and the Unlikeliness of Increase to Support the Officers of the County in such Sort, That any Gentleman sutable therefor will be Unwilling to Undertake the Same: All which is a Mistake, The People are Many And as We think able and Sufficient and the Increase More and More, the greater part of the County within s^{d} Lines being Unsettled, And that is Small in Comparison of other Advantages accrewing if Amherst be made the Shire Town, All the Roads leading from the Towns adjacent center to Amherst and there is Food and Forrage and other Things necessary. But if carried further East will increase Travel and if over the River will make it inconvenient both for Men and Women in many Seasons of the Year. Therefore We pray that the Lines prescrib'd may be fix'd and no Additions made and that Amherst may be the Shire Town, And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Wilton April 5, 1769.

Joseph Holt	John Brown	Jonathan Cram
Nathan Ballard	Jeremiah Abbot	David Cram
Jacob Abbot	David Blanchard	moses Stiles
Abiel Abbot	Stephen Blanchard	Solomon Cram

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* Reported as having died in the service.

Timothy Gray
John Burton Jur
James Dascombe
Joseph Holt Jur
Jeremiah Holt
Daniel Barker
Nathan Abbot
Francis Putnam
Joseph Putnam
Jonathan Cram
Richard Taylor
Abner Stiles
Jonathan Burton
Stephen Buss
Ephraim Peabody
Jacob Putnam
William Brown
William Pierce
Jonathan Greele
Joseph Stiles
Philip Putnam
John Burton
George Coburn

Asa Cram
John Cram Juner
Stephen Putnam
Joseph Cram
Nath[l] Haseltine
William Ball
John Cram
Jacob Putnam jun[r]
Joseph Butterfield
Ephraim Butterfield
James Maxwell
Amos Butterfield
Amos Fuller
Benjamin Cram
Ephraim Putnam juner
george Person
Jonathan Chamberlin
Ephraim Putnam
Jonathan Chamberlin iun[r]
Samuel Chamberlin

John Caskir
William Carson
John Hutchanson
John Stiles
Jacob Wellman
John Johnston
James Johnston
Adam Johnston
James Boutell
Osgood Carleton
Daniel Gould
George Gould
Timothy Carleton
Jonas Kidder
Melcisedek
John Stephenson
David Stephenson
Robert Badger
Banjaman Dutton

[11–116] [*Relative to a Bridge over Souhegan River, 1773.*]

Wilton Feb[ry] y[e] 11—1773

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be Conven[d] at Exeter on the Second Wednesday in February Instant—

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth—

That the Bridge (in the one Mile Slip) Over the River formerly known by the Name of Souhegan River, is in Great want of being Repair[d] or Rebuilt, that the Bridge is of Publick Benefit being in the Direct way from Exeter to Charleston N° 4 that Three Bridges, have been Erected in that Place, and Repaired from time to time at the Expence of the Inhabitants of Wilton and few other Persons—that the Inhabitants of the one Mile Slip are few in Number and they think it a Hardship to be put to the Charge of it Alone—Therefore Your Petitioners pray that Your Honours would take it into your wise Consideration and Direct in what Way the same shall be Rebuilt—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray—

Amos Fuller	Amos Holt	Willm parson
Samuel Shelden	Mary Pettengill	Thos Pearson
Stephen Buss	Samuel Hutchinson	Ebenezer parson
Ebenezer Chandler	David Chandler	Samuel parson
Joseph Abbot	Uriah Wilkins	Nathan Hutchinson
Benj^{a} Lewis	Simon Blanchard	Benj^{a} Hutchinson
Jacob Abbot	Jotham Blanchard	Nathan Hutchinson Junr
Joseph Snow	Ben^{n} Lewis Ju^{r}	Saml Mitchel
William Brown	Richard Boynton	William Alld
Fifield Holt	William Pearson Juner	
Fifield Holt J^{r}		
30 Petioners		

[11–115] [*Provisions sent to Cambridge, 1775.*]

To the Honnorable the Provincial Congress Seting at Exeter

Gentelmen—

We your Humble Petitioners Beg leave to present to your Honnors an Account of Provisions procuerd and sent to Cambrige for the Support of the Contenentel armey—

Which Account we pray may be allowed in Money, or by an order on the Province Treasurer the Account is £9 : 11 : 2 Lawful Money and in allowing the above Account you will Oblige your Humble Petitioners—

Abiel Abbot } Select men
Philip Putnam } of Wilton

Wilton Octo^{r} ye 24th 1775.

P S. for further Perticulers Inquire of our Deligate.

[11–118] [*Objections to Articles of Confederation, 1778.*]

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be conven'd at Exeter on the Second Wednesday in February Instant—

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth, that upon hearing the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union proposed by the United States in Congress assembled, distinctly and repeatedly read and maturely considering the same We find ourselves constraned, (painful as it is) to petition your Honors to examine with a Candid yet Jealous Eye the following Articles of Confederation, And if your Honors think best, to Remonstrate and Petition to the Congress of the United

States respecting the same the Articles which strike our Minds with concern are as follows,

In the Fifth Article one clause is, that in determining Questions in the United States in Congress assembled, Each state shall have one Vote, this has no Regard to Numbers or Property; and We fear will have a Tendency to break our Union.

The Eighth Article directs that the Continental or publick Chest shall be Supply'd by the several States in proportion to value of granted and surveyed Lands, improvements and buildings thereon. This has no Reference to the N° of poles, live stock, stock in Trade or at Interest

The Ninth Article, the first Clause, grants to the United States in Congress assembled, the sole and exclusive Right and power of Determining on Peace and War, except in the Cases mentioned in the sixth Article: Is it not a power Greater than the King of great Brittain in Council or with the House of Lords ever had? or Greater than the seven United States of Holland gave their Statholders? May we not suppose that the Members of that August Body, conscious of the Rectitude of their own Intentions; have no Room left to Suspect the Integrity of any future Members thereof? But altho' We admit and believe that Virtue fills the Breast of every Member of that Honorable Body at this Day: We have no good Degree of Certainty, that That will be always the Case.

If Canada should acceed to this Confederation, there will be Fourteen States, then it will take Eight to make a Majority, in this Case it requires the Assent of Nine which is but one more than a bare Majority, those Nine, admitting there is a possibility of their being vicious Men, may in some future Time, by one exertion involve us in a War that may cost us much Blood and Treasure.

Another Clause in the Ninth Article mentions their Transmitting to every State a Coppy of the sums of Money they borrow or Emitt. We could wish they had added, (and the Expenditure or applying the same). We your petitioners could wish an Alteration in the above mentioned Articles, but Sensible of our Unacquaintedness with Politicks we presume not to prescribe; but pray your Honors mature Consideration thereon—

Sign'd in behalf of the Town

Joseph Holt
Jon^a Burton
John Dale jun^r } Select Men of Wilton

Wilton Feby 10th 1778,

At a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Wilton on Tuesday the 10th Day of February A-D-1778 by

Adjournment, after hearing the above petition repeatedly and distinctly read, and maturely considering the same, Voted that the Select Men of Wilton in behalf of the Town Sign and Transmit the same to the General Court.

Attest Joseph Holt T. Clk.

[Rev. Pap. p. 309] [*Wilton Soldiers, 1776.*]

In obedience to the Honnorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire holden at Exeter December 27, 1775.—We have taken an Account of the Number of the Soldiers of our Town, who served in the Summer past in the Continental Armey, and are enlisted there for the year Coming. And there is in Amos Fullers Collection, The Number of Soldiers Six. The sum of their Rates [Taxes] is Eleven Shillings Four Pence and Two farthing, And in Richard Whitneys Collection, The Number of Soldiers five the sum of their Rates is Nine Shilling Five Pence and three Farthing.

Philip Putnam } Selectmen
Nathan Ballards } of Wilton

Wilton March ye 4, 1776.

The following persons names are Included above and the sum of their Poll Tax is one Shilling Teen Pence and Three farthing—

Francis Putnam,	Isrel How	Nuss Sawyer,
John Vernam	Nathaniel Heseltine,	Eben^r Carleton,
Christopher Martain,	Jerimiah Holt,	Elezer Kingsbury,
	Jonas Perry,	Daniel Brown,

[Sworn to before Jacob Abbott.—Ed.]

[P. & R. Papers, p. 63] [*Jonathan Gray, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

To Nicholas Gilman Esqr Receiver General for the Colony of New Hampshire Sir Please to Pay to Jacob Abbott the bearer hereof the sum Due to Jonathan Gray of Wilton who was in the Continental army in Capt William Walkers Comp^y and Col^o James Reeds Rigement Due to the Said Jonathan Gray for what he Lost in the Engagement at Bunker hill also for a Coat Given as Bounty Reference to Capt Walkers Return being had the said Jonathan Being Sence Dead the care thereof

falls upon the Subscriber being the Father of the Dec^{d} your Complyance will Greatly Oblidge

Wilton March ye 4, 1776. Your Humble Servant
Timothy Gray

1776 March 19 Rec. of Tim^{o} Walker Jr four Dollars for a Regimental Coat for the within named Jon^{a} Grey also Two Pounds L my for the loss which s^{d} Grey sustained at the Battle at Bunker Hill June 1775 Jacob Abbott

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[11-119] [*Petition for Town Representation, 1780.*]

To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives In General Court Assembled—

The Petition, of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants, of the Towns of Lyndeborough, & Wilton, Humbly Sheweth That Wilton, Lyndborough, the one Mile Slip, & Duxbury School farm, by the Convention of this State, in the Year 1775, were annexed to make but one Represantation,—That Sensible of the Importance of General Cause, in which we are engag^{d}, we have hitherto, patiently Submited to the Disadvantages of an Inadequate Representation, rather than Interrupt the Honorable Court by Petitioning for a Redress—But hoping you may have a leisure Moment, that you may improve, in attending to our Situation—We beg leave to lay Before your Honors, the following facts—That in Wilton, there is 154 Rateable Polls, in Lyndsborough 180, and in the one Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm, 19, all which make, 353—That from the Northwest part of Lyndsborough, to the South side of the one Mile Slip, (following the most Publick road), is about 19 Miles, and that to every 1000£, Paid by this State, the afore^{sd} Places Pay 17£.. 3.. 11. 2,—And that when the Representative is Chosen in one of the Towns, it is Impossible for the other Town to Vote with propriety in the Choice, Being ignorant of the abilities of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town—add to this, their Ignorance of the Proceedings of the General Court, and consequently of their Political duty. Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Supplicate your Honors to grant to Lyndsborough, & Wilton, the Previledge of a Separate Representation,—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Dated at Wilton Octo^{br} 5th 1780

Jacob Abbot
Eben^{r} Rockwood } Com^{tte} for Wilton
William Abbot Jr

David Bager
Levi Spaulding } Com^{tte} for Lyndsborough
William Barron

[11-122] [*Justice of the Peace wanted, 1783.*]

To the Honble Council and Assembly to be Conven^{d} at Concord—

The Petitition of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth That the Town of Wilton hath for some time past been deprived of a Justice of the peace (which we esteam a great priviledge) And at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town, Voted to recommend William Abbot Junr to your Honors to be appointed to the Office of a Justice of the peace, a Compliance of this our request will greatly Oblige your Humble Petitioners —and as in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Abiel Abbot
Jon^{a} Burton
Abr^{m} Burton
} Select Men of Wilton in behalf of said Town—

Wilton December 10th 1783

[11-124] [*Sundry Persons recommended for Field Officers.*]

To His Excellency the President & the Honble Council of the State of New Hampshire—

We the Selectmen of Wilton for the Present Year—beg leave to recomend the following Persons for field Officers of the 12th Regiment of Militia in s^{d} State (Viz)

Capt Philip Putnam of Wilton—for Col^{o}
Capt Ezra Towne of New Ipswich for Lt Col^{o}
Lt Samuel Gragg of Peterborough for Maj^{r}
Mr Abijah Wheeler of Temple—for 2nd Maj^{r}

Which we think give as great Satisfaction as any four Men we can think of that will take s^{d} Commissions all things Considered

William Abbot J^{r}
Joseph Abbot
John Dale ju^{r}
} Select Men of Wilton

[11-125] [*Vote relative to an Issue of Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton qualified to vote in Town Meeting, on Thursday 16th of Novr 1786

It was put to Vote to see if the Town would chuse to have paper Money emitted on the plan the Genl Court hath proposed —passed in the negative Unanimously Voters present 47—

Put to Vote to see if the Town would chuse to make any alterations in the proposed plan passd in negative Unanimously Voters present 47—

A true Coppy from the Minutes

Attest William Abbot Jur T : Clerk

[11-126] [*Relative to Militia Affairs, 1786.*]

Wilton June 19th 1786

May it please your Excellency—your letter of ye 17th Instant. was receiv'd by Colo putnam, on which we are meet, & in answer—after Congratulating your Excellency on your arival to the presedency of the State—hopeing beleving & Joyfully relying on your wisdom & Goodness to stear us & Guide us in our Defiqualtys—We say, that we have taken all the Care in our power, to have the Regiment settled—& all the Defiqualty that we Know of was the resolve respecting ye Number, time & our attention, for ye good of ye Melitia hath, so far succeed, that we are now, able to return a respectable Number—for officers & Desier ye Comisns may Com by Colo putnam—& Intreet that the Blanks (if Consistant) may Com for ye remainder—as we hope to make a settlement very soon : unless sum persons return from Court should advance, a New Doctring—we are unable to Determin the No of each Company to day—& beg blank for it—the returns we will Make as soon as posable of those. Not Now returnd—we Intreet your Excellency to beleave us when we say that, under the Defiqualty we have been brought in to by sd resolve : we have Done all in our power to still the Complaint—& rejoice that we have succeeded so well—& remain your Excellencys most obediant & very Humble Servts

Francis Blood
Ezra Towne
Samuel Gregg

N.B—we have Not had one of ye Melitia Book but think we shall in due time—We Desier Colo putnam may make up by writing, or by word of mouth—all we have omitted

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[11-127] [*Relative to School Matters: addressed to the General Court, June, 1788.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth

That a law of this State entitled an act for the settlement and support of Grammer School obliges every town, of the state,

consisting of a hundred families, to maintain, yearly, a grammar school; and, for every month's neglect, imposes a fine of ten Pounds. That the town of Wilton, several years last past has made peculiar provision for the instruction of its youth. It has employed, from the seat of the muses, several well accomplished young gentlemen, and some aged experienced gentlemen of literary accomplishments for the spase of twenty years last past. And it has expended for a number of years, upon schooling, eighty seven pounds, and some it has assessed more,—at least a sum sufficient to support, here, two grammar schools annually.—

Apprehending the end of law, in general, to be the interest and happiness of its subjects, and the end of the school Law, in particular, to be the good education of youth, we presumed, a compliance with the spirit of this law, would atone for a small deviation from the letter; especially as this deviation has facilitated the progress of our Youth, and gratified the wishes of their parents, and guardians.

The town of Wilton with this view of the matter, and from a view of its local situation; mountainous land, long winters, deep snows, inhabitants scattered, town divided by a rapid stream, rendering a passage to its centre, at some seasons of the year, inconvenient and impracticable; from a view of public expences, the scarcity of specie, the inability of the people to provide necessary schooling in the extreme parts when obliged to support a grammar school in the centre, our annual expence for the support of a number of bridges over rapid streams, building a convenient and decent house for public worship, the charge of which is not entirely settled, the importance of the labour of our youth and of their being instructed in agriculture and the manual arts, Voted, to raise money sufficient to support two grammar schools, to divide the town into as many districts as was convenient, and to appoint Committees in each district to see that the money was faithfully improved in the instruction of their youth. This method of education we have found by many years' experience very beneficial. The state of Learning in Wilton sufficiently evinces the expediency of it.

Notwithstanding, one month preceding the general session of the peace in the County of Hillsborough in september last past, being destitute of a grammar School, the grand Jury found a bill against the select men, and they were accordingly Cited to appear. Though the sessions were convinced that we had adopted a more advantageous method of education, than we should have practised had we adhered to the letter of the law, yet the penalty of that law being absolute, they could not acquit us, or lessen the fine. We therefore pray your honours for leave to bring in a bill acquitting us from the mulct imposed on

us by the general sessions. Apprehending from experience, that the method of education we have adopted might be beneficial to many towns, we beg leave to suggest, without presuming to dictate, and with humble deference to your Honours authority and distinguished abilities, the possibility of advantage to the public by a revisal of the aforsaid law, and as in duty bound will ever pray.—

William Abbot Jr } Select Men
Jonathan Burton } of Wilton

[11–120] [*Statement relative to the Proficiency of the Children of Wilton, 1788.*]

Wilton June 4th 1788—

I am happy in being able to certify that the youth of Wilton are in general very good readers, writers and cypherers. They are farther advanced in Learning than those of most towns in the county, within the compass of my knowledge, who have maintained grammar schools, and inferior to none with which I am acquainted—I believe I might safely affirm that there is no town in the state, of the same ability, that can produce so many youth so well qualified for common business, so well accomplished in all those branches of learning which are essentially useful in every department of Life as can the town of Wilton. Josiah Burge—

[11–121] [*Certificate of Abel Fisk relative to foregoing.*]

Having made it my Annual Practice to call the Youth together in different Parts of the Town to advise and instruct them, I have taken Occasion to examin them in respect to the Improvement they have made in Reading, and have been highly pleased with the great Accuracy and Propriety exhibited in that Branch of Literature—

I have likewise been present at School when the Children have been examined respecting the Names and Uses of those Stops and Characters that are made Use of in the English Language, and they have answered the Questions proposed to Admiration—I have seen their Writing &c—

And it appears to me from the Observations I have made that the People in Wilton have paid a particular Attention to the School-Education of their Children—

Abel Fisk

Wilton June 4th 1788

WINCHESTER.

The township was granted by the government of Mass. to Josiah Willard and 63 others, and went by the name of Arlington until 1740. Settlements were made as early as 1732, by said Willard and others. Feb 29, 1750, Josiah Willard petitioned for a charter from the government of N. H., in answer to which a grant was made, July 2, 1753, to said Willard, Samuel Ashley, and others, and the town named Winchester. On the 26th of the following September the town of Hinsdale was chartered, and the line between that town and Winchester established, which took off the north-west part of this town as chartered in July, and made an addition on the west side as far north as the old line of Northfield. By the grant of July 2, 1753, the northerly part of Winchester extended to Connecticut river, taking in "Col. Hindsdale's Fort." The plan of the two towns in charter records shows the old Northfield line; the location of the fort; and also of Fort Dummer on the west side of the river.

By an act approved July 2, 1850, the north-west corner of Richmond was annexed to this town.

Winchester men in First N. H. Regiment:

John Simons, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Abner Wise, enlisted Feb. 14, 1777; discharged July 5, 1781. He was in same regiment in 1782.

Jonathan Wooley was wounded at Stillwater, Oct. 7, 1777, in shoulder and ribs. He was in Capt. Ellis's Co., Scammell's Reg't.

[11–128] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1753.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Capt General Governor and Commander in Chief in & over His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire & the Honble His Majesty's Council for said Province—

The Humble Petition of Josiah Willard of Winchester So Called in the Province of New Hampshire but within no Township In behalf of himself and others Settlers there a List of whose names is herewith Presented—Shews

That the Said Settlers have been Improving the Land at the Place aforesaid near Eighteen Years last past & have made

Considerable progress therein Apprehending when they first Enterd the Land was within the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and by Countenance of the Government of that Province they Enterd upon the Lands & Carried on their Settlement So Far as to make a Proportion & Division of Said Lands to & among the Persons aforesaid who have been at very Considerable Expence in making the Said Settlement and Defending of it—

That in order to carrying of it to Greater Perfection & making of it a more useful Place it is Necessary the Settlers & Inhabitants Shoud be Incorporated & vested with the Rights and Privileges of Towns which it is well known is a very necessary Aid & Support of Such a Design—and as the Persons already there have done so much to make it a useful Settlement they Seem to have a Claim to Your Excellency's favour in this Respect preferable to any others—Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly Prays as aforesaid That your Excellency woud be pleased to make a Grant of the Lands Called by the Name Winchester to him & the Persons afores^d in Proportion & according to their Respective Claims & the Proportion & Division made as aforesaid and That they may be Incorporated & Intitled to the Rights and Privileges of other Towns in Said Province of New Hampshire and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Portsmouth June 22^d 1753 Josiah Willard.

[11-129] [*Relative to Original Grantees, 1753.*]

at a Leagal meeting of the Grantees of the Township of Winchester Held at Winchester on Tuesday ye 21 day of August 1753—

voted. that maj^r Josiah Willard be Desired Carry the Charter of the Township of Winchester Granted us—and Request that Gains Field,—and all others who can make out a fair Claim to any of the Lands Contained In s^d Charter may have their names entred therein.—

A True Copy from ye votes of s^d meeting

attest Josiah Willard Clerk

Winchester may 28—1759

I hereby Certify that John allen & Thomas Taylor have respectively made out their Claim to Land Contained in the Charter above mentioned & that the Proprietors Desire their Names may be respectively Entred in the Charter afores^d—

Josiah Willard

[R. 4-191] [*Col. Samuel Ashley's Resignation, 1779.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire—March the 20 1779

The Subscriber haveing been honoured for some time Past with the Command of the Sixth Regiment of militia in this State and at the same time Employed in other Public Services of a Different nature and being of opinion that there is an impropriety in the same persons acting in a Civil and military Character at the same time and being very desirous to be discharged from his military office begs leave and does hereby Resign his Command of said Regiment and hopes his Resignation will be acceptable to your Honours & I am with the greatest respect your most obedient Humble Servant

Samuel Ashley

[His resignation was accepted June 18, 1779. Col. Ashley was a prominent man in his time. He was a representative for some years; elected a member of the council in 1776, and held the office four years. He was elected, March 24, 1779, by the legislature, a delegate to represent this state in Congress, but declined. Subsequently he removed to Claremont, and died there Feb. 18, 1792, at the age of 71 years.—Ed.]

[11-130] [*Relative to an Omission in Returning Soldiers.*]

To the honorable the Council & house of Representatives;

The Memorial of the select men in the Town of Winchester humbly sheweth—

That whereas the Year past the Order of Court was that every Town make return of the continental Soldiers they respectively had in the public Service, that were inlisted during the war—the select men in their return of s^d^ men for the Town of Winchester, made a great Mistake by omitting & therefore not returning two men who are now in actual Service, & engaged during the war, as your Memorialists are able to make appear—Your Memorialists therefore humbly petition that the above mentioned two men may be admitted into s^d^ Return by Order of Court—In so doing your honors will lay a special Obligation upon your Petitioners—

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Winchester 11th March 1782

Reuben Alexander
Ezra Parker } select men
Simon Willard

[The foregoing petition was granted March 14, 1782.—Ed.]

[11-131] [*Relative to Fish in Ashuelot River, 1784.*]

To the Hon[l] the General Assembly now setting at Conkerd—

The petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester humble Sheweth

that the River Caled Ashewilet formerly produced a large number of Salmon and Shad with a Veriaty of hook fish but of late the Corse of S[d] fish is intirely Stoped by Reson of three Dams a Crost Said River (Viz) one in Hinsdale one in Winchester and one in Swanzey which is a Greate Damage to this and the Neighbouring Towns, and notwithstaning the Repeated Request of the people in this Town to the owners of Said Dams to open a Corse for Said Fish they Still Refuse to Do it which Very much Displeases the people in general and if there is nothing dun to prevent it there is a prospect of the people Rising in a hostile manner and puling Down Said Dams

to prevent which and to Establish a free Corse for Said Fish we beg your Honnours to take this matter under your Wise Consideration and pass Such an act as you in your wisdom Shall think proper

and we in Duty Bound will Ever pray

Simon Willard } Select
John Alexander } men
Paul Richardson
Prentice Willard

Winchester June—1 : 1784

[An act was passed, January 15, 1789, requiring a sluice to be kept open in every dam on said river, in the towns of Hinsdale, Winchester, Swanzey, and Keene, between the tenth day of May and the twentieth day of July in any year.—Ed.]

[11-132] [*Petition of Solomon Willard to be restored to Citizenship: addressed to the General Court, Oct. 19, 1785.*]

Humbly shews Solomon Willard late of Winchester in the County of Cheshire in the State aforesaid, that in the late War between Great Britain and America he was so unfortunate as to differ in Sentiment from his Countrymen in general who

were strugling to gain and support the Independency of the United States—

—that in the Year 1777 he left his native Country—went to Long Island and took Protection under the King of Great Britain—that in the Year 1778 he was proscribed by an Act of the General Assembly in the State of New Hampshire—that during the said War he spent most of his time upon Long Island in a State of Neutrality—that soon after the Conclusion of the said War he returned to Winchester where he found his feeble Parents almost in a helpless Condition, and very fond of his continuing there to assist them in their declining Years—that since his Return he hath spent his time chiefly with them, and is now the principal Supporter of an Aged Father, who has spent most of his Time and Strength in the Service of the Publick—who was one of the first Settlers in the County of Cheshire—and has been perhaps as industrious, influential and successful in settling the Western part of the State of New Hampshire as any person inhabiting the same. And was ever careful to impress upon the Minds of the people a due Regard to the Laws of New Hampshire and to make them happy and contented under the same—That the said proscribing Act, tho' judiciously made in a time of War, cannot be beneficial to the publick in a time of peace. The Design of said Act (as mentioned in the preamble thereof) was to prevent the many Dangers that might accrue to this, and the other united States, if the persons therein named should be again admitted to reside in this State. Had such persons then been permitted to reside in any of the United States, they might have been very detrimental to the same by giving Aid or Intelligence to the Enemies of said States, or by Dispiriting the people; or by sowing Discord and Dissention amonst them. But those Dangers are now removed. The Design of the said Act is accomplished; Your Petitioner conscious of the Rectitude of his Design—relying upon the Goodness of this Honble Court—and hopeing for their Mercy to one who hath offended thro' Sentiment, and not thro' any Design of injuring his Countrymen, and hath now no inclination or ability to hurt them, presumes to lay before you this petition humbly praying that the Act aforesaid so far as it respects your petitioner may be repealed, and your petitioner be permitted to live in the State of New Hampshire, and to enjoy the Rights and Privileges of a free Citizen and subject of the same. And he at the same time promises that if the prayer of this petition should be granted, he will ever behave himSelf as a good and faithful Subject of said State—will observe the Laws and Regulations thereof, and will endeavour to promote the Peace, Happiness and Dignity of the same. And as in Duty bound will ever pray Solomon Willard.

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives above mentioned—

Humbly Sheweth Josiah Willard of Winchester, Father of the above named Solomon Willard that he the said Josiah heartily joineth with the s^{d} Solomon in the prayer of the above petition, and earnestly prayeth that the same may be granted not only for the Benefit of the s^{d} Solomon but for the Solace and comfort of your aged, feeble petitioner in his declining years and as in Duty bound will ever pray

Josiah Willard

Winchester Octr 19 1785

Whereas Solomon Willard of Winchester prefered a petition to the Honourable Court for Naturalization, we the subscribers Select Men of s^{d} Winchester hereby Certefy Our Consent and desire y^{t} the prayer of the s^{d} petition may be Granted—

John Alexander
Simon Willard

[11-133] [*Relative to Fish in Ashuelot River, 1786.*]

To the Hon^{l} the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire now setting at Conkerd—

The petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester Humbly Sheweth that the River Called Ashawilet Runing Threw said Town formerly prodused a large number of Sammon and Shad with a Vrity of hook fish but of late the Cours of said fish is intirely Stop^{t} by Reson of three Dams a Crost, said Rever—(Viz) one in Hinsdale one in Winchester one in Swazey to the grate Dammig of this and the Neigbouring Towns—we therefore prey your Honors to take this matter under your wise Consideration and pass such an act as shall open said Dams and Restore to us the usual Corse of Fish—

And we in Duty Bound will ever pray

Danil Ashley
Moses Chamberlain } Select men
Asa Alexander

Winchester June 3th 1786

[See document relating to the same subject, *ante*.—Ed.]

[11-134] [*Another Petition relative to Fish, 1788.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester Humbely sheweth that the River Called Ashewellet Formely produced a Large Number of Salmon and Shad with a Veriety of Hook fish But the Course of said fish is Intirely stoped by Reason of three Dams a Cross said River in Hindsdale Winchester and Swansy which is To the Grait Damage of the In-Habentants of said Towns—Wherefoure your petitioners pray your Hon^rs to take this Matter under your wise Consideration & pass such an Act That shall Open a free Course for said fish that the Inhabetents May Receive the Benefitt of the same and We as In Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Danl Hawkins
Ezra Parker } Selectmen
Asahel Jewell

Winchester May 30-1788

[11-136] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to make new Roads, 1795.*]

To the Honourabel general court of the State of Newhampshire in general court assembled on the First Wednesday of June 1795—

Your Petitioners the Inhabitents of the Towns of Winchester Hinsdale and others humbly sheweth that whare as your petitioners as well as the publick at large, suffers grate Inconveanences for want of a good publick road leading from Co^l Whealors in said Hinsdale on the North side of Ashawillot River till it comes oppersett to the furnace in said Winchester and there to cross the River allso a road to begin about one mile East of said Co^l Whealers on the same road and Leading in the most convenant place tell it strikes the great road leading from Chesterfield to Northfield about 50—or—60 Rods south of Daniel Fishers in said Hensdale and, Whereas there is no Inhabetants for about Three miles of the Distance partly in Winchester and partly in Hensdale and several bridges to be made acrose small Streams, and one large bridge across Ashuwillot river and much diging on the side of Hills, &c, all which to make a good road, is too hevy a burden on the present Inhabetants to do, and as it will so much accomodate the Inhabitants in general as well as the publick at large by having a good road four or five miles Nerer from Dummer ferry through the south part of this State then any at present.

Your petitioners humbly pray your Honours would take the

matter into your wise considerations and grant us a Lottery to raise three Hundred pounds Lawful Money for the purpose of making said road and bridges and whare as we are very confident that about three quarters of the Tickets may be Sold in in the states of Massachusetts Rhodeisland and Vermont as the road will very much accomodate the Inhabetants of those States, all which is—humbly submitted and in granted of which your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Reuben Alexander
Theodosius Moore
Andrew Dodge
Dan[l] Hawkins
Thomas AlexAnder
Stephen Hawkins
Dan[l] Hawkins Ju[r]
Nathanael Brown Dodge
Abel oldham
Abel Scott
Nath Bartlet
Thad[d] Bancraft
Peter Wilder
Abram Scott
John M. Field
Ephraim Leach
Curtis Gould
Asa Alexander
Ezra Healy
Sam[l] Brown
Lewis Watkins
Philip Goss
Elisha Knapp
Jonah French
Reuben Alexander Jr
Ebenr Scott
John Curtis
David Hammond
Moses Chamberlain
John Stearns
Amos Willard
Ezra Conant
John Butler Ju[r]
William Gould
Mark Packard

John Alexander
Seth Willard
Jacob Martin
Richard Peters
David Cass
Grindell Thayer
Moses Tyler
Abraham wheeler
Nath[l] Clarke
John Badger
Daniel Shattuck
T L Arnold
Uriel Evans
Nathaniel Fisher
Abner Fisher
John F : Vent
Daniel Fisher Junr
Nath[ll] Walton
Reuben Clarke
Daniel wise
Elezer Ripley
Ezra Parker
Henry Foster
Nathan Parker
John Peirce
Josiah Willard
Charles Grimes
Tho[s] Green
Jeremiah Pratt
Paul Richardson
Richard Gale
Samuel Dickinson
Edward Battels
Benjamin wright
Stetson Holmes
Benj[am] Sanger
Nathan Sanger

Cyrus Shattuck
Thomas Butler
William Howe
David Wolley
Sam[l] Wellman
Vine Coy
Thomas Rockwood
Nathan Willard
John Barret
Gord[n] Chandler
James Salisbury
Isaac Crosby
Elisha Peirce
Imry Evans
Tilley Wilder
Elnathan Allen
Ephr[m] Holland
Geo. H. Hall
John W. Blake
Samuel wood
John Higons
Nathaniel Ripley
Ephraim Hawkins
Ben[ja] Easterbrooks
Josiah Allen
William M[c]Kinsy
Isaac Crandell
Abiathar Dean
Levi Ripley
Dan[l] Healy
Dan[l] Ripley
Amasa Houghton
Eleasor Lawrance
Eleaser Lawrence Junr
Daniel Ridar
Ezra Parker Jun[r]

WINDHAM.

This town was formerly a part of Londonderry, and was separated from that town by an act of the general assembly, passed Feb. 12, 1741–2, O. S. The first town-meeting was called by Robert Dinsmore, Joseph Waugh, and Robert Thompson, and was held on the eighth of March next following the date of its incorporation. The line between this town and Salem was settled by mutual agreement, and ratified by the governor and council January 9, 1752. This took from Windham that portion of its territory lying southeast of a line drawn through the easterly side of Policy pond, and annexed the same to Salem. By an act passed September 26, 1777, several persons were severed from Londonderry and annexed to this town.

November 26, 1778, the estate of Samuel Clark was also changed from the former to the latter. An act was passed Nov. 22, 1782, changing and establishing the line between this town and Londonderry. By an act approved Dec. 25, 1805, some territory was severed from the latter-named town and annexed to Windham.

Windham men in First N. H. Regiment:

James Brown, enlisted Apr. 1, 1777; discharged Dec., 1780.

Serg. Wm Darrah, enlisted Jan., 1777; discharged 1780.

James Gilmore, enlisted Apr. 25, 1777; discharged Apr. 5, 1780.

Hugh Moore, enlisted Mar. 10, 1781; discharged Dec., 1781.

Joseph Polley, enlisted Apr. 7, 1777; discharged Apr. 10, 1780.

[11–138] [*Relative to Province Taxes, 1743.*]

Province of Newhampshire In the House of Representatives June 23d 1743

Whereas for want of Knowlidge of the True Bounds of the Districts of Methuen & Dracut: how it interfered on the Bounds of Londonderry Township when the act was passed last veare for Proportioning the Towns & Districts within this Province. The within Persons were Doubly Return'd. viz.t By the District of Methuen & Dracut: And by Londonderry: Whereby the within named persons has been Rated for their Province

Tax to Londonderry: & also to Methuen & Dracut District—It being ag^{t} Reason that they Should be Rated to both places—

Voted—That they pay their Respective Rates for the Province Tax for the yeare 1742—to the Constable or Collector of the Parrish of Windham as Rated in Windham: And that the District of Methuen and Dracut be abated the Sum of Nienteen pounds Seven Shillings & four pence part of the Proportion they were to pay for the Province Tax for the yeare 1742—

And what the Collector of the District of Methuen & Dracut has received of the persons within named. Thatt all Such Money So rec^{d} be repaid by S^{d} Collector to the persons from whome ye same was Collected—

And that the Said Sum of Nienteen pounds Seven Shillings & four pence Equall to old Tennor be taken out of the Money put into the Treasury for Contingencies. & to Ly in the Treasury as a Fund to Exch^{a} the old Bills of Credit of this Province in order y^{t} they may be Bro^{t} in & Burnt

James Jeffry Cle^{r} ass^{m}

[Council concurred, and the governor assented to the foregoing.—Ed.]

[11-139] [*Windham Men assessed in the Methuen and Dracut District, 1743.*]

methuen Ju^{n} 6- 1743—

To the honrabell cooart in new hamshar—

wee Reseved your later baring dat the 3 of jun whar in we Ar in for med that mr: samuell Morison of windham has Reeported to the cort that sundry parsons belonging to windham have bin Raeted by the selact man of the destrict of methuen And Draket wee hear by in form the coort that wee have Raated none but what was in cluded in the destrict And in the plan lay^{d} befor his Exelancy but for furder informacion to the cort consarining this mater we have transscrbed out of ouer list those mens names that Ar claimed by wanham with the sum Each man is A sased As folloeth—

	heads	totl
John hall	1	0-15- 5-0
Johnnathan woodbry	1	1- 1- 5-
Robert Elenwood	1	0-18- 0-
John Cofferen	1	0-19- 6-
Samuell Armur	1	1- 3- 1-
hanery sanders	2	2- 8- 4-
oliver sanders	1	1- 2- 0
timothy sanders	1	0-13- 0

william sanders	1	1– 4– 4
Samuell sanders	1	0–13– 0
nathaniell woodbery	1	0–18– 1
John gills	1	0–16– 8
Richerd Engsull	1	1– 0–10
Adward baylee	1	0–16– 9
Ebenezer woodbery	1	1– 3– 9
bendman Corner	1	1– 4–11
John ober	1	1– 6– 8
John ober iu^{nr}	1	0–13– 0
willuam Killeres	1	0–13– 0
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[*Petition for Incorporation.*]

whar As we the selactt men have meet together And Considered the Difficalt cas we laber under of unsateled paster As to our publick Afair not weth standing owr Repeeted pertisions to the cort for in Corporating or imboding of us in to A Society to carry on our publick Afair As the suport of the minestry And other nasory [necessary] Afairs And if those twanty inhabtants be taken from us thair will be but thirty Rasedent in habetance in the destrect of methuen: draket exapted whar As we your humbell protisnors prays that the Englelish in habetance within mancened in the list which Ar All but three—namly coffrian Armer And Killereas may be imboded with us in caring on owr poublack A fir thos being part of the Sosiety hoo Bullt the meting hows And satelled the minister A mung us And Exapt those Remain with us wee Shall be in tierly broken up

Henry sanders } Selact mean
Isaac Clough } of methuen
Daniell Peaslee } And Dracket

[Incorporated with the Haverhill District into the town of Salem, May 11, 1750.—Ed.]

[11–141] [*Relative to an alleged illegal Election.*]

To the Honble House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened June ye 6 1768—

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers being Inhabitants and freeholders in Londonderry and Windham in the province

Aforesaid Qualified by Law to Vote in Electing Representatives Most Humbly sheweth—

That the Select-men of Londonderry for the Current Year Gave Your Petitioners but thirteen Days Nottice Before the meeting for the Election of a Representative for said Towns and that the Moderator of said meeting and the select men of Londonderry afores^{d} at said Election did Refuse to permitt some of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Towns to vote in said Election tho qulified by law to vot in said Election, and permitted Other persons to Vote for said purpose who were not Qualified by Law for ye same—

Wherefore your petitioners most Humbly pray that the Representative so Elected may be Dismissed—and that you would Grant us a precept for a new Election and Your petitioners as in Duty Bound shal Ever pray—

Nenian Cochran	James Taggert	Rob^{rt} park
Saml morison	James Campbel	Alex^{dr} park
John morison	Rob^{rt} mcClure	Rob^{rt} Hopkins
Edward Aiken	Willm Ranken	James Gilmore
Alex^{dr} m^{c}Calester	Jonathan Adams	Alex^{dr} Richy
John Wight	Saml Ranken	John morrow
Joseph Willson	Willm Cochran	mark Owen
James Gregg	Peter Cochran	Adam Templeton
John woodburn	Thos Walker	Alex^{d} Simpson
Reuben Senter	Rob^{rt} Wallac	John Wilson
Willm Butterfield	James Walac	John smith
Joseph Senter	James Anderson	John mills
Saml Senter	patrick Douglas	Willm Gregg
John Alexander	John Hunter	John m^{c}Cay
Willm Alexander	Rob^{rt} moor	David Gregg
Rob^{rt} mack	Henry Campbel	George Davidson
Jabez Towns	Joseph Oughterson	John Davidson
Elijah Towns	Willm Anderson	Hugh Graham
Thos Anderson	Thos Taggart	Saml Clark
George Clarke	John Walace	Saml m^{c}Adams
John Armstrong	Nathl Aiken	James Jameson
Isaac Cochran	Rob^{rt} Adams	Willm Jamison
Alexander Wilson	James Adams	Willm Dinsmore
Hugh Brown	John Mitchal Junr	Rob^{rt} Dinsmore
John Wilson	Rob^{r} Anderson	John Cochran
Isaac Bruster	Willm Rogers	John Cochran Junr
Saml Miller	David Anderson	Thom^{s} Jamison
Saml miller Junr	Mathew Clark	James Wilson
James m^{c}Murphy	John Alexander	James Cochran
John pinkerton	John Aiken	Robt More
John Duncan	Saml Fisher	Ramsley Plomer

John Duncan Junr	James Oughterson	James Wilson
John Barnett Junr	David Oughterson	Wil^{m} Smith
John Dickey	Joseph Bell	Saml Grege
Adam Dickey	James m^{c}Corrmick	John Duncan 3^{d}
John Highlands	James Todd	Saml Wilson
Thos Highlands	John Craige	Robert Wilson
Joseph Hogg	Saml Anderson	Rob^{rt} Duncan
William moor	Adam Dickey	Mathew Dickey
John Barnett	John Stewart	James Cochran
Rob^{rt} Barnett	Rob^{rt} Cochran	George Duncan
Willm Duncan	John Tuft	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 24, 1769, the foregoing petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[11-142] [*Certificate of Publication of Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1768.*]

Province of Newhampshire—

Windham Augt ye 20th 1768

These may Certifye whom it May Concern that I the Subscriber here of Rec^{d} the Warrant for to Call a Meeting for to Chouse a Representitave for our Last Election on a Monndy or Tuasday the Sabauth following I published the Same and no More for I had not the oppertunity of a Norther Sabauth Befor the Meeting—

John Morison
Constable for Windham

[11-143] [*Samuel Barr's Statement relative to the foregoing named Meeting.*]

Honr^{bl} Sir At our Last Election of a Representative things was Caried on very Strangly for our former Costom was to give three Sabaths Days notice before Election when the Kings writt allowd that time—but in our Last warning, the two first parishes had only one Days warning for it so hapned that ther was a Silent Sabath In Each: and ther was but thirteen Days from the first notice: and time Enoch In the precept Sent us: and windham had but a few Days: as to our Electors they Caried it on so that Savrel voted that had only ther pool Rette: and some had Got Deeds of Small Bitts of Land the night before the Election: praying your Honner Exceus which is from your Honners verey Humbel Sarvent &c

Sam^{ll} Barr

Londonderry october ye 17: 1768

[*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1768.*]

Provance of Newhampshire—

To Mr Samuell Alleson town Constable

You are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to warn the freeholders of your Respective bounds Duly Qualified to Elect Representitives to Meet at the old Meeting-house on friday the Sixth Day of May next at ten oClock in the fore Noon to act and Vote on the following artickles

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Moderate in s^d Meeting—

2^ly to Elect one person Quallified by law to Represent the town in Generall Assembly—

and this Shall be your warrant Given under our hands—

Londonderry Datted Aprill 22^d 1768—

Edward Aiken
Robt Moore
Gorge Moore } Select Men
Sam^ll Huston
Peetter Patterson

A true Return of the foregoing warant—

Attest per Mo^s Barnett Clk

[11-147] [*Constable's Statement.*]

Province of Newhampshire—

Londonderry Octr ye 15th 1768

This may Certify whome it may Concern that I published the warrant the first Sabath After I Recvied it and the nixt Sabath ther was No meeting at our meeting hous and So I Could not put up the warant

pr me Sam^ll Alison Town Constable

[11-148] [*Remonstrance to the Foregoing Petition.*]

Province of New Hampshire—To the Honourable Speaker & Gent^n of the Assembly of said Province—

The Petition, of the Select men, & Other, Freeholders, & Inhabitants, of Londonderry, And Windham, in said Province, Legally, Qualified to Vote, in Chusing, Representatives, Humbly Sheweth.—

That the said Selectmen, have been served, with a Copy of a Petition, signed by Robert Wallace, & Others, Complaining of Illegality, in the Choice, of our Representative, & praying, he may be Dismised, &c.—

But your Petitioners, beg leave to inform your Honours, that said Choice, was Regular, fair & Legal, According to the best Of our Knowledge. first the Notification, or Warrant, for Calling said Meeting, was Published, two Publick, days, Agreeable to our Custom, & signed by the Select Men, fifteen days, before the Choice, in Compliance with the Sherift's, precept, Altho, we are of Opinion, the Law, Does not Require it.

2ly No Legal Voters, were Refused, the privilege, of Voting, only James Cochran Junr who Came, as the Select men, had done, telling the Votes, & did not insist on Voting, whose Vote was for the present Representative.—

3ly If any unqualified person, Voted, in said Choice, it is, unknown to us, none Such, were Challenged, at the time of Voting, which Agreeable to the Law (as we understand it) was the time, the Right of any person, to Vote, ought to have been Disputed.—Therefore your Petitioners, pray that said Wallace's Petition, may be Dismised, &c—

September 15th AD 1768.—

Mathew Thornton	James Lyons	Andrew Jack
Stephen Holland	Alexander Craige	John Willson
Moses Barnett	John Montgomery	William Wallace
William Neill	John Raside	James Miltmore
Christopher Eayrs	Robert Wallace	Joseph Cochran
Jonathan Gillmore	John Doack	John Patten
John Brown	George Cochran	
John McCartney	Robert Rogers	

Peter Patterson
George Moore
Robart Moore
Samuel Huston
Edward Aiken
} Selectmen of Londonderry

David Montgomery	John McCurdy	David Taylor
Thomas Creage	Thomas Nesmith	Elias Sergent
David Craige	John Ramsey	Trueworthy Sergent
Daniel McNeill	James Crombie	William Taylor
Alexander Nichols	Robert Hunter	John Humphry
John McKeen	John Carr	Nathaniel Martin
Robert Gillmore	James Stinson	Daniel Chaney
Robert McNeill	Alexander McColom	Jacob Sergent
John Gillmore	Robert McColom	John Taylor
John Mitchell	Samuel Awls	Andrew Clindinin
Arthur Archibald	William Betty	John Vance

James Vance
John Moore
James Cochran
Robert McFarland
Joseph Morison
John Durham
John Cochran
James Doack Junr
John Cate
Thomas Cristy
William Vance
Daniel Runnels
Abraham Reid
James McHard
Moses Senter
John Boyd
Robert Clark
Thomas Dunshee
John McDuffee
Hugh Dunshee
William Patterson
Robert Archibald
Moses Watts
Hugh Moore
James Ramsey
John Crombie Junr
Samuel Alison
Samuel Eayers
William Morrow
James Miller
James Ewins
Samuel Morison
Adam Taylor
William Cunningham
Samuel Gregg Junr
Samuel Morison
James Blair
James Willson
Robert Willson
John Clark
Samuel Clark
Henry Campbell
Hugh Graham Junr
John Wallace
George Reed
John Crombie
James Cochran Junr
Joseph Clyd
Isaac Cochran
Robert montgomery
Hugh montgomery
William Gregg
Robert Thomson
Robert Fulton
James Anderson Jur
William Boyd
Charles Mellen
Samuel Thompson
John Thompson Junr
William Dickey
Robert Mack Junr
John Rogers
James Patterson
John McAllester
Archibald McAllester
William Eayers
Simeon Morell
David Colbie
John Wiear
William Clindinin
James Humphry
Samuel Taylor
David Clindinin
James McKeen
Elisha Cumings
Ezekiel Grele
John Senter
Levi Andrews
John Marshell
John White
David Peabody
Peter Robison
Sampson Kidder
Simon Bradstreet
Nathaniel Hills
Asa Peabody
Ebenezer Tarbox
Daniel Marshell
William Hord
George Burrows
Richard Marshell
Philip Marshell
David Laurance
Ruben Page
Richard Marshell
Isaac Page
William Waugh
Hugh Clyd
John Clyd
David Gregg
James Bettin
Samuel Eastman
John Davidson
Joseph Smith

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Sign'd Wallace's Petition & Since for Squir Livermore 13

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John Stinson 1

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Samuel Livermore Esq. the Legallity of Whoes Election, was this day to be Disputed, being Necessarily absent the subscriber, on his Behalf prays your, Honours, to Dismise sd Wal-

lace's Petition, or put off the Hearing said Dispute, till Some future day, that Squire Livermore may be present

Mathew Thornton

Octr 20, 1768.

[11-149] [*Several Petitioners recant.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

To the Hon^l Speaker & Gentlemen of the Assembly of said Province

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Londonderry in said Province, Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners being misinformed, & over perswaded by Robert Wallace, & some other unquiet persons of this Town, did Sign a Petition to your Honors, Setting forth the Proceedings of the Meeting for the choice of our Representative, were illegal, and praying the Representative so chosen might be Dismissed &c.

But on better information from Gentlemen of known Capacity, & Veracity.—we after Mature Consideration find the said choice was Regular, fair & Legal.

We therefore pray the above said Petition may be dismissed &^c, & your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever pray &^c,

September 15th AD 1768

Joseph Hogg	John Willson	Hugh Graham
Saml Rankin	Hugh Brown	Adam Dickey
William Gregg	John Mills	Mark Owen
James Gilmore	John M^ckay	
Alaxd^r Simpson	George Davidson	

october 20th 1768

A Copy Exam'd per

Saml Hobart Cl P T

Province of New hampshir

these May Sertify to Honorable hous of Representatives that I the Subscribors having Perused the Within Petition and I See my name Sigen therto this is the firs time that aver seedd Such a Petition Nor Signed aney Such Petition as Witness my hand at Windham December ye 21 1768

George Davidson

[11-151] [*Statements of Hugh Graham and others.*]

Province of New hampshire

These May Sertify to the honorable hous of Representatives of Said Province that I the Subscriber Signed a Petition Signed by Capt Robart and others Seting forth that Samuel Livermor Esqr Wase not Legaily Chosen Aas a Representitave at our Last election and Praying that He Might be Dismise: but since being thretned by James Beton to-Sumose Me to Portsmouth and put Me to a Grait Cost I ordred him to Put in my name but I Neve Saw his Petition Nor Did Not know the Import of it Witness My hand at Wind ham December ye 21 1768

Hugh Graham

and the Said Grhams further Declairs y^{t} his sone Hugh Grhams Junr has No Reall Estate in Said town altho he Signed Esquier thorntonns Petition Witnese My hand the Day and year above Mentioned

Hugh Graham

I the Subscriber Do hear Declar that I Can Sertify to all the abov that Hugh Grhams has Signed to but I saw the Petition and for fear of trubel and Cost Signed the Second Petition Signed by Joseph hoge and others

John McCay

Province of New hempshire

this May Sertify to the honorable hous of Representitaves that I the Subscribor by the Means of the threatning of James Beeton to Sumes us to Court if We Would not Sign Esquer thorton and hogs Petitions the Which We Did but being Showed the Copey of Said Petitions atested by the Clerk of the asmbley and We find them Not agriable to the origonall that We Signed therfor We Beg that the Prayer of Robart Wallace Petition may be Granted & the other Dismised Witness our hand at

Windham December ye 21 1768

Willm Gregg
David Gregg

Province of New hempshire

these May Sertify to the Honarable hous of Reprsentatives of Said Province that I signed a Petition to Said hous Which I thought Was Wallaces Petitition. Not knowing that ther Was aney other Petition Caring about But Since I am Informed that it Wase Esquier thortons Petitition Which I Never Intend to

Sign therfor I Beg that the Prayer Said Wallaces Petition May be Granted and the other Desmised

Dated Londonderry December ye 22 1768

Samuel gregg Junier

[11-152] [*Relative to an Astronomical Instrument.*]

Portsmouth New Hampshire 8th May 1773.

Whereas Mr John Tufft of Windham in the Province of New Hampshire has for some time past applied himself, in forming an Astronomical instrument, which may prove useful in Navigation if perfected: We the Subscribers, being desirous to aid & encourage every effort of laudable ingenuity, do freely give to the said John Tufft the respective Sums we hereunto subscribe, to enable him to proceed in his invention

J Wentworth Ten dollars—paid

[11-155] [*Letter from James Betton, 1776.*]

Windham July 9th 1776

Honr^d Sir

By these I would inform you that I am this Day Returned from Albany I left my house at Windham the 24th of June and we arrived at Albany the 30th on the first of July we Delivered the money to the Pay-master General by Genl Skylers Order we thought that the money might not be wanted as our army was Returned to Ticonderoga and mentioned it to Genl Skyler he told us the money was Due at Canada—

We hired two men to go with us as a guard the sum we paid was £1147,, 1, 0 for Which we took Duplicate Receipt: affirs at Albany Carry a Dark aspect the people seem Discouraged we was Informed that there was a fleet at New-york Consisting of one hundred and twenty Sail and that our army was got Back to Ticonderoga

The Inhabitants of Otter-Creek and Onion River leaving their Settle-ments time only can Discover the Events—

I am Sir with all Due Respect yours to Serve

James Betton

P S Mr Giles have a letter from Genl Schuyler to you

[11-156] [*Instructions to James Betton, Commissioner to Congress, the Army, etc., 1776.*]

The Committee appointed to report a Draught for Instructions to James Betton Esqr to regulate his Conduct in Executing his Mission from this State to Philadelphia—Beg to lay the following before the Court for their Approbation—

To James Betton Esqr Pursuant to the Vote of General Assembly of the 26th Inst You are to proceed on your Journey, taking with you some trusty person as an Assistant. as you go forward you are to call on the Committee for detecting & defeating conspiracies against the States appointed by N York Convention & deliver the Letter directed to them & Desire them to forward Money to Support their prisoners here—Then endeavour to find the Col^{ols} Stark, Poor, and Scammil, and know of them what Money they have drawn from Continental paymasters to recruit their Regiments, and urge it on them to procure the Money from Said Paymasters or Congress sufficient for the Afores^{d} purpose, as soon as the Service will permit them, & repair to this State to raise their Regiments—And if such Difficulties should Arise as to convince you that they cannot Effect the Business that then you apply for the Money as directed by the Vote, Otherwise not.

The Money you are to Solicit for procuring Cloathing has been requested from Congress by the Committee of Safety in their Letter of the 14th Inst which may be rec^{d} by Congress before your Arrival which money You will endeavour to procure & bring forward—The Money you are directed by said Vote to request as part of the Balance due from the Continent to this State. You are Instructed to Inform the Congress, or our Delegates there, that the Depreciation of paper Bills is so Great that this State find it Necessary to desist from Emiting any more, and have not Money in the Treasury to carry on the Important demands for the Soldiery &c—That the Continual and very Interesting Matters relative to prosecuting the War has commanded the Attention of this Legislature so far as to hinder the Necessary Examination into the Accounts of the Several Persons Entrusted with the publick Money Sufficient to Close the Account and send forward to Congress for their Allowance. But expect soon to be able to compleat & Transmit the same—After you have compleated your Business with the Congress you are to Consult with our Delegates on the Most safe & convenient Method of proceeding back—and return as soon as your Business, and the Circumstances of travelling will Admit hereof—

Geo: King Chairman

In the House of Representatives Decr. 27, 1776. The above Instructions being read & Considered Voted that the same be

Transcribed & and Delivered to James Betton Esqr: as orders to him from this house

Sent up for concurrence John Langdon Speaker

In Council Eodem Die read & concurred

E Thompson Secy

[11-157] [*Petition for a Lottery*, 1777.]

To the Honorable Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of us the Subscribers, Humbly Sheweth That Whereas the Town of Windham, or at Least a Great Part of the Inhabitants of it, are under the Disadvantage of Going to mill within the Bounds of Pelham, and for want of a Bridge over the Stream Near Said mill, which is Called Butlers mill, they (after Getting within 40 Rods of S^{d} mill) are obliged to Go Round a full mile, which is a Great Trouble to S^{d} Inhabitants, and many Travellers Likewise are under the Same Disadvantage on the Same account and it is a Rode that is used by the Inhabitants of a Place Call^{d} LondonDerry Claim, Litchfield, Part of Nottingham west & Part of Pelham, & also by People Travelling into the upper Towns (as Amherst, Hillsborough, Society Land), &c.—

it is thought that a Good Bridge would Cost 280 Dollars or more; and as the Town of Pelham is Remarkably Embarrassed with Bridges already, having no Less than five Large ones over S^{d} Stream or River, and Several over a brook Call'd Golden Brook, which are Exceeding Costly to keep them in Repair by Reason of a Quick Rise of S^{d} Streams, and moving of the Ice —and it is Look^{d} upon to be a hardship for the Town of Pelham to Build a Bridge in S^{d} Place—Therefore we your Petitioners have Thought Proper to ask Leave of this Honble Court to form a Lottery Sufficient to Build a Bridge as afores^{d}—This is therefore to Pray your Honours to Give Liberty for the Same, which if you Do, your Honours may Depend upon it, that it Shall be Carried on faithfully without fraud or Deceit for the Public Good, for which Purpose we Desire that m^{r} Nehemiah Hadley of Windham & m^{r} James Gibson of Pelham be the Persons appointed to Carry on S^{d} Lottery if Granted, &c. and in Gratifying your Petitioners in Granting the above Request, you will not only oblige them But will Greatly Promote the Public Benefit—&c—

and as we are in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Windham March ye 6th 1777—

John Mussey
Samuel Butler
Caleb Butler
David Cumings
John Strickland
Samuel Wason
Stephen Lowell
Joseph Lowell
Timothy Lowell
Stephen Lowel juner
Benjamin Kidder
Edmund Hardy jun^{r}
Daniel Wyman
Ebenezer Richardson
Alexander graham
James Caldwell Ju
Seth Wyman
Joseph Baldwin
Asa Baldwin
Josiah Burroughs
Henry Campbell
William Burns
Stephen Hadley
Asa Davis
David Glover
Thomas Sarls
Thomas marsh
Thos Wason
Jeremiah Hills
Samuel Caldwell
Saml French
Thomas Caldwell
Joseph Caldwell
James Wason
Jno Caldwell
John Hale
Levi Dakin
Seth Hadley
George Burns
Moses Hadley
Page Smith
Joseph Greele
Jeremiah Blodget
John Gibson

William Shed
James Barnard
David Larrance
Juner
Zaccheus Grele
Daniel Hutcherson
Samuel Hutcherson
Amos Johnson
Samson Kidder
Stephen Kenney
Sanders Bradbury
Saml Greele Ju^{r}
Peter Cross
Samuel Greele Ju^{r}
Asa Hardy
Edmund Hardy
Cyrus Hardy
Wm Johnson
Nehem^{h} Butler
Simeon Barret
Gideon Butler
Samuel Haywood
George Davidson Ju^{r}
Timo^{y} Smith
Abel Gage
John Haseltine Junr
Josiah Johnson
Thaddeus Butler
Jesse Butler
George Davidson
David Davidson
Danl M^{c}ilvaine
Aron wyman
Jesse wyman
Joseph buttler
Alex^{dr} Gregg
Amos Kenney
Willm Gregg
Alex^{dr} Wilson
James Wilson
Samuel Wilson
Willm Gregg Jun
Amos merrill
Henry Campbel

David Gregg Junr
John anderson
William McCay
George Williams
David Gregg
Peter Merrill
Sam^{ll} Morison
William Smith J^{r}
William Simson
James Jameson
James Campbell
Ephraim kyle
Robert Hemphill
Daniel Clyd
James Davidson
John Cochran Ju^{nr}
John Dinsmoor
John Wilson
Alex^{dr} McCay
Thomas Gregg
Thos Wilson
David Lawrance
Alex^{dr} Simpson
James Willson
Peter Merrill Ju^{r}
David Currier
Daniel M^{c}ilvaine Junr
William M^{c}ilvaine
Joseph Smith
Jonas Richardson
Thomas McCay
Henry Henry
Benjamin Melven
Jon^{a} Bradley
Jonathan Laurance
moses Barrett
Daniel Marshall
John Davidson
David Butler
Henry Campbell
Alex^{dr} Boyd
Hugh Graham
Nathaniel merrel

The Whole 130 Signers

[11-160] [*Relative to a disputed Line between this Town and Salem, 1782.*]

These may Certify whom it may Concern that We the Subscribers were Sellect-men for the Town of Windham in the year 1781 Whereas there was a petition prefered to the then Gen[l] Assembly of the State of Newhampshire by the Sellectmen of Lond[ry] in Said State Setting forth that by the Act for Incorporating Said Windham into a parish it included a Certain Peice of Land which Ought not to be included in the same and Wheras the Hon[bl] Court Did Recomend it to the Sellectmen of the aforesaid Towns to Settle the matter: In Consequence of Said Recommendation we the Sellectmen of Said Windham Did meet with the Sellectmen of Londonderry aforesaid and made a Verbal agreement Concerning the Same Witness our hands

Oct[br] 22[d], 1782.

Alex[r] Wilson } Select
Ja[s] Gilmore } Men

[11-162] [*Remonstrance against taking the Oath of Allegiance, 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham ss

To the Hon[ble] the Gen[l] Assembly of the said State—

The pettition of the subscribers Inhabitants of Windham in Said State Humbly sheweth

That Whereas the Hon[bl] Court in their session in June Last, Did pass an Act, requiring the Male poles from twenty one years and upwards, to take an Oath of Alligance to this state, and upon refusal to Be Deprived of the right of Voteing in Town meeting. we your petitioners Beg leave to Observe, that we have Done our Equal proportion with the Other towns in this state towards the Defence of our rights and Liberties; and however an Oath of Aligance may be proper, yet we further beg leave to Observe, that the Oath refered to, are filled with Ambigious terms, that we Do not fully understand, also that the penalty for refusal is too high: There is at Least four fifths of this town that do not see their way Clear at present to take said Oath.

We therefore pray that the Hon[bl] Court may repeal that part of said Act respecting the penalty or at least suspend the Act for such a time, as the Hon[bl] Court may think fit: We Likewise understand, that there is some Evil minded persons in this

state, that are in A tumultious manner, Going about to Alionate the minds of the good people of this state, against the Government of the same, more Especially against the Hon^{bl} Court, under Varies false pretences; We therefore further pray, your Hon^{rs} to take such measures, to surpress the spirit of Anarchy, and Confusion, that seem to prevail, and as in Duty bound shall pray &c.

December 16th 1782

Saml McAdam	Samuel Clyde	Henry Cam^{l}
Hugh Clyde	John Clyde	Amos Merrill
Petter Merrill	Daniel Clyd	John Wilson
Henry Campbell	James Wilson	John Karr

to lay

[R. 4-192] [*Windham Soldiers, 1777.*]

Windham, May 8th 1777

their is Enlisted out of Windham

William Darough Robert Stuart in the Continential Armey to serve for the Term of 3 years—Enlisted with Leut Chirey

John Job Nich^{s} Vickstrem

Enlisted with Lev^{t} Senter—James Gilmore James Wilson James Brown Joseph Polley

Enlisted with Lev^{t} Thos Hardy—James Easman

Enlisted with Lev^{t} Senter—Jacob Hardy

James Gilmore Capt

[R. 4-193] [*Windham Soldiers, 1778.*]

Exeter aprel 17th 1778

This Day Received of James Batten [Betton] Esqr of Wendham fore hundred pounds Lawful money in full for fore Solgers that I hired to serve in the Contenental Servis for three years and march^{t} For head Quarters with Co^{l} Dearborn the mens Names are as Follows

Etinns auberts, Gawrette antoine, Jacques honores and Bradhebury Cabny these are to sarve for the town of Wendham in this state— Saml Folsom

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[R. 4-194]

Certificate for David Campbell—Windham man

Highlands December the 6 1780 this is to Certify the state of New hampshire that David Campbell has not Received any

wages nor sauce money* nor any thing out of Continental nor State stors dureing the time he was in the Servise

Eben^r Frye Capt

[R. 4-185] [*John Simson, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

To the Hon^bl the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New hampshire in General Court assembled now sitting at Exeter in said State

The petition of John Simson Humbly sheweth that your petitioner was a soldier in Capt Elisha Woodberys Company and Col^o John Starks Regiment in the year 1775 and being in the Battle at Bunkers Hill on the 17th of June had the Misfortune to have part of his hand shot away by a Cannon Ball which renders your petitioner in some Measure unable to get a living by labor; and as he humbly Concives his case comes under the Resolve of the Continental Congress wherein provision is made for wounded soldiers &c—He therefore prays your Hon^rs to take his Case under your consideration and grant him such releive as you in your great wisdom shall think fit and your petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray

John Simson

Dated Windham March 8th 1779

[He was placed on the half-pay roll for three years. He petitioned in 1783 asking to be continued on the list "of half-pay pensioners;" and again in 1784, when his name was ordered to be placed on the roll, pay to commence at the time his half-pay ceased.—Ed.]

[*Dr. Thom's Certificate relative to John Simson.*]

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire—

This may Certify that the bearer hereof John Simson of Windham had the Misfortune June 17th 1775 to Loose two of his fingers & part of his hand in the Battle on Bunkers Hill by a shot from the Enemy & was attended for the same wound by

Isaac Thom Surgeon

Windham 10th March 1779—

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* Money furnished soldiers in some cases to purchase vegetables from inhabitants dwelling on their line of march.—Ed.

[R. 4-188] [*James Wilson, Soldier.*]

State of Newhampshire } To all whom these presents
Rockingham ss } shall come—

This may Certifie whom it may concern that Thomas Willson and Grizel Simpson his sister are the only heirs now living to James Willson late of Windham deceased who served in the Continental Army the term of three Years (Viz) 1778 1779 1780

Given under our hands at Windham aforesaid this 27th day of Feb 1793—

John Anderson }
Saml Morison } Select Men
Willm Gregg }

[R. 4-189]

[In a petition dated Windham, June 4, 1794, David Gregg of that town stated that he "served in the Capacity of a Captain in Defence of his Contrey in the year 1758." He asked for a grant of land by virtue of the proclamation of the king, of October 7, 1763, which proclamation directed that grants be made to all reduced officers of the French war.—Ed.]

[11-163] [*Petition to have the Town enlarged: addressed to the General Court, 1782.*]

The Remonstrance and petition of us the subscribers sellectmen of Windham in Said State Humbly Sheweth—that Whereas the Sellectmen of Londry did petition the Honble Court at their last session—setting forth that there is a Certain strip of land Included in the Bounds of said Windham which ought not to be in said Bounds we humbly beg leave to inform your Honrs that the Town of Londonderry did vote that a parish should be set off in the Bounds of the southerly side of said Town with Certain limits without any Reservation which limits was meant to Comprehend one third part of the Town of Londry aforesaid Notwithstanding said Windham do not comprehend more than one fifth part of said Township of Londonderry and the soil Exceeding poor—

We further beg leave to Observe to your Honrs that it gives us pain to trouble the Honbl Court with such matters but the court will please to Observe that it is not our Motion: the sellectmen

of Londonderry for the year 1781 or reather one Mr Paul under their signiture did prefer a petition to the then Genl Court praying that the above said strip of Land might be disanexed from Windham and anexed to Londery the Honbl Court after considering the purport of said petition recomended it to both Towns to sittle the matter: agreeable to said recomendation the sellectmen of Windham did meet with the sellectmen of Londondery and made a Verbal agreement: The agreement was that the said Town of Windham was not to tax said Mr Paul and Londonderry was not to tax certain Land that lay over the line we Expected the matter was wholly settled: but to our surprise we were served with a Copy of a new petition and order of Court: we the sellect men of said Windham Humbl pray your Honrs to take the Matter under your wise Consideration and enlarge our Bounds half a mile to the northward of the east and west Line discribed in the Act of our Incorporation that is Extending half a mile to the North and runing East from Beaver Brook so Called to the Easterly line of said Londry &c &c and your petitioners as in duty Bound shall pray

Windham Novbr 4th 1782

Alexr Wilson } Sellectmen
Jas Gilmore } of
Nathll Henry } Windham

[11-164] [*Instructions to Representative to oppose paying Officers after the Close of the War, 1783.*]

Wheras we the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to consider of the third Article in a warning for a Meeting held in the Town of Windham on the 25th of August 1783 (viz) to consider of the propriety of allowing the Officers in the Continental Army five years pay after the Conclusion of the War we the said Committee beg leave to Report as our Oppinion that our Representative be Instructed to move at the next session of the Genl Assemly of this state that a remonstrance be sent by said court to the Continental Congress against the Resolve passed in said Congress that the Officers in the Continental army have five years pay after the conclusion of the war—

And we your constituants further Instruct you that in case the foregoing Motion is Overruled that you enter your Protest against the said Measure. As we Judge the same to be Oppressive and unjust—

Saml Campbell for the Committee

Windham September 12th 1783

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Windham Being mete at the adjournment of the aforesaid Meeting taking the

Report of the aforesaid Committee into consideration Unanimously Votted that the same is their oppinion and that our Representative conduct himself accordingly—

A true Coppy, attest John Morison town Clerk

[11-165] [*Vote relative to Eighth Article of Confederation, 1783.*]

Whereas at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Windham held on the 25th day of August Instant Voted to Choose A Committee to consider of the second Article in the warning for sd Metting—

Agreable to said Vote we the said Committee have meet to consider of the second Article in said warning (Viz) the Altiration of the Eighth Article of Confederation and in Lue thereof to substitute the number of souls—

We the said Committee beg leave to Report as our oppinion that the said Eighth Article of Confederation be Altered and in Liu thereof to substitute the number of souls as recomended by the Continental Congress

Saml Campbel for the Commitee

Windham September 12th 1783

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Windham Being mete at the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting, taking the Report of the aforesaid Committee into consideration Unanimously Votted that the same is their oppinion and that this Copy be Sent to the Court

John Morison town Clerk

A true Coppy attest

[11-167] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

The Humble petition of the subscribers Inhabitants of Windham in Said State Humbly Sheweth

That said Town not having the number of poles reqired by the new Constitution to intitle the same To Send one representative to the Genl Assembly of Said State and not being convenient to Class with any other Town whatever: Therefore agreeable to A proviso in the Said new Constitution in that case Provided we your petitioners pray that the Honbl Court may issue a writ for our Electing and Sending a Representative to the Genl Court and as in Duty Bound Shall pray &c

Dated at Windham Febry 27th 1784

Robert Burk
James Betton
Alex^{dr} Wilson
Ja^{s} Gilmore
Nath^{ll} Hemphil
David Gregg Jr
John Morison
Alex^{dr} Simson
Petter Merril
John Cochran
John Dinsmoor
Gain Armour
John Simpson
Benj^{m} Thom
John Anderson
Henry Cam^{l} jun^{r}
Decon Sam^{ll} Campbell
Willm Gregg Jur
Willm Gregg
Samuel Morison
Robart Stewart
Joseph Clyde
Daniel Clyde
Henry Campbell
Hugh Graham Jr
Robert Morison
John Davidson Ju^{r}
Moses Cristy
Daniel M^{c}alvain Juner
Samuel M^{c}adams Junr
Robert Hemphill
James Cochran
Eliphalet Ladd
James Davidson
Alex^{dr} Morrow
James M^{c}ilvane
John Gregg
Job Pingry
Hugh Clyde
James Wilson
David Currier
James Dinsmoor
William Davidson
Ebneser Hall
Jesse Davidson
John Wilson
John Clyd
Alexander Park
thomas Wilson
John Davidson
Robert Dinsmoor Jn^{r}
Sam^{ll} Clyd
Allex^{dr} McCay
Philip Hesletine
Robert Smith
John Campbell
Jonathan Thomson
William McCay
Samuel Wilson
Peter Merrill J^{r}
Robt M^{c}ilvaine
John McKeen
Abner Foster
Abraham Reid
matthew Reid
Alex^{r} Park
Thomes Jameson
Asa haseltine
Samuel Smith
Robt Dinsmoor
George Davidson
George Davidson Jur
David Gregg
David Armstrong
William Dickey
Robert Speer
James Eastman
Abner Campbell
Joseph Smith
Willm Shedd
Willm Thom
John Armour
Se^{n} Armour
David Hobkens
Willm Dinsmor

[In H. of Rep., Mar. 31, 1784, the foregoing request was granted. Council concurred.—Ed.]

[11–168] [*More effective Sunday Laws wanted: addressed to the General Court, Oct. 20, 1784.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Windham Humbly Sheweth That it appears to us that the Lords Day is very much prophaned by persons traveling with and without Loads which is a sin henious in the Sight of the Supreme Being we wish to look up to you as our Policitacel fathers to make Such Laws for punishing Such Crimes—

And Wheras the Law now in force for the Observation of the Lords Day are insufficient to answer the purpose intend:

in the first place it is not so Explicit as it ought to be: and the fines are not high enough: in that Law refered to it mentions "to restrain untill he pays his Said fine" Wheras we think the offender ought not to have Leave to proceed untill the Sabath is over: we also think there is not Officers Enough to Execute the Said Law—We your petitioners Humbly pray your Excellency and Hon^{rs} to take the Subject Matter of Our petition under your wise & Serious Consideration and pass Such Laws as may answer the Salutary purpose proposed and as in Duty bound Shall pray

Windham Oct^{br} 20th James Betton by order of the Selectmen of Windham

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[11-170] [*James Betton recommended for a Magistrate.*]

State of New Hampshire—Rockingham ss—

To his Excellency the President of said State with the Honble the Privy Council Convened—

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers of Windham, in Said County Sheweth that whereas by our new Constitution, we understand that all Commissiones both Civil & Military are Vacated and A New Arrangement is to take place we your Petitioners in Behalf of Said town Humbly pray Your Excellency and Hon^{rs} to enrole James Betton Esqr to Continue as A Justice of the peace for Said County and town as he has Given General Satisfaction in Said Office as in Duty bound Shall pray

Dated Windham Decr 24th 1784

David Johnson	Robert Hemphill	Ja^{s} Cochran
Willm Shed	Mathew Reid	John Templeton
Alex^{r} Simpson	Caleb Balch	John Cochran
Henry Campbell	David Nevens	Alex^{r} Park
Juner	Dea^{n} Robert Park	Sam^{ll} Morison
John Clyd	Thos Dougless	John Morison
John Gregg	Willm Rogers	Alex^{er} Morrow
Thos Templeton	Sam^{ll} Simpson	Andrew Park
Sam^{ll} Clark	John Rollings	Eliph^{t} Ladd
John Anderson	David Rollings	Philip Haseltine
Ja^{s} Davidson	John Corning	Moses Cristy
Jno Davidson	Hugh Campbell	Jonathan Thompson
Jno Davidson Juner	Abra^{m} Reed	Alex^{er} Grimes
Willm Davidson	Joseph Hull	John Grimes
Gorge Davidson	David Merrell	Josiah Gage
Juner	John Merrell	Dea^{n} Gawin Armour

David Campbell	Asa Haseltine	Capt Joseph Clyd
Henry Campbell	Thos Jameson	Abner Foster
Alex^{r} McCay	John Smith	Robert Smith
Willm Gregg Juner	John Simpson	Willm Dinsmoor
John Campbell	David Hopkens	Joseph Smith
Job Pingry	Ja^{s} Gilmore	Nath^{ll} Hemphill
Thos Wilson	John Dinsmoor	David Gregg
David Armstrong	Sam^{ll} McAdams Ju	Robert Stewart
John Armstrong	Ja^{s} Sanders	Robert Dinsmoor J^{r}
Doc^{r} John Armstrong	Thos Acheson	George Kezer
	Stephen Pingry	Willm Thom
Capt Asa Senter	Sam^{ll} Ayer	Benjn Thom
Robert Dinsmoor	Sam^{ll} McAdams	Hugh Montgomery

A true Copy from the other petitions

[James Betton was appointed.—Ed.]

[11-171] [*More Complaint concerning Sunday Laws: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers Sheweth

That whereas an Act intitled an Act for the better Observation and keeping the Lords Day passed June 23^{d} 1785 proves insufficient to answer the Valuable purpose thereby intended: Your petitioners Humbly Concive that the true intent and meaning of Said Act is that every person or persons whatsoever. Do Carefully apply themselves to the Duties of Religion & piety Publickly & Privatly on that Day: but we find by Daily Experience that the Contrary is often practised: we See persons boldly Driving their Loaded Teams and also Horses Loaded with goods on that Day: and by reason of some Inconsistances in Said Act (as we Concive) it cannot (or reather is not) Carried into Execution: We Humbly Beg leave to point out to the Hon^{bl} Court those parts of Said Act that we think Ought to be ammended and first it is the Duty of every Sheriff Coroner Tythingman Constable & Sellect man to inform of all the Breaches of Said Act and we Humbly think that they are Oblidged to Do it by their Oath & office: but in Case Either of Said Officers Do Complain to any Justice of the peace for the Breach of Said Act and Prossess is Issued against the Supposed offender and he Brought to Tryal and found Guilty and he appeals to the next General Sissions of the peace & if he is there aquited the Complainant or informer (Notwithstanding his Oath & office) must pay all Cost one other part of Said Ack we Humbly think ought to be ammended that is in Case

any supposed Offender lives in any other County in this State and either of Said Officers Returns the persons name to a justice of the peace the Justice is Authorised to Direct his warrant to the Sheriff of any County in this State or his Deputy for apprehending and Bringing before him any person or persons Offending as aforesaid: but the Sheriff is not Oblidged to Execute Said Warrant untill his fees is paid or is tendered to him: and in Case the person so offending is aquited at the General Sessions of the peace the person who pays the sheriff his fees must Loose it: and also the person who Complains must pay all other Costs: We your Humble petitioners beg the Hon^{bl} Court to take this Matter under your wise Consideration & pass an Additional Act to ammend the above Resited Paragraphs or otherwise Repeal the Said Act and pass another in liew thereof & your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall pray

December 17th 1788

Sam^{ll} Cochran Junr	Sam^{ll} Cochran	George Russell
John Betton	James Wallace	John Pinkerton
Peter Dustin	James Betton	Daniel Davis
Robt Dinsmoor	Thomes Patterson	James Aiken
Alexander M Cay	Joseph Morison	John Ewins
Alexander Park	James Dinsmoor	Robert MacMurphy

[11–172] [*Location of the Meeting-House complained of: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitents of windham in Said State Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners Labour under Great Deficulty with Respect to the unjust Situation of the Meeting house in Said town—we beg leave to Inform the Hon^{bl} Court that your petitioners was Much Discontent with The Situation of Said Meeting house when it was Built and Since that time the Bounds of Said Town are Much Altered their being three thousand Seven hundred Acres of land, set off to Salem so that the Meeting house Stands Near six Miles from the North-west Part of Said town and about one Mile from the Southeast part; Wherefore Your petitioners Humbly pray the Hon^{bl} Court to appoint a Commitee to View the premises And Consider the Situation of Said Meeting-house and make Report to this Hon^{bl} Court as the Matter May appear to them and that the Said Commitee May be paid at the Expence of the town—And Your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Dated at windham March ye 26th 1791—

Willm Davidson
John Davidson
Jas Davidson
George Davidson Jur
George Davidson
Richard Estman
Willm Shed
Willm McCay
David Gregg
Daniel Gregg
David Gregg Jur
Mathew Clark
John Karr
Henry Campbell Jur
Isaac Campbell
Amos Merrill
John Campbell Jur
Abnor Campbell
John Anderson
Thos Davidson
Henry Campbell
Jas Moor
Willm Moor
Daniel Anderson
Nathl Martine
John Ray
James Clark
John Armstrong
David Armstrong
Saml Clark
David Gregg 3d
Willm Gregg Jur
Willm Gregg
Saml Campbell
Alexr McCay
Hugh Wilson
David Campbell
Robt Clark
James Anderson
Saml Anderson
James Clark Jur
John Clyd Jur
Joseph Clyd
Joseph Clyd Jur
Daniel Clyd
Peter Merrill
Timothy Merrill
Bayley Merrill
John Montgomery
Hugh Clyd
John Clyd
John Davidson Jur
Robt Hemphill
John Hemphill

[11–174] [*James Betton's Account of Travelling Expenses while on a Journey to Baltimore after Money for the use of this State*, 1777.]

An Account of the Expences on the Journey to Baltimore in Maryland with the Distance from place to place

Distance	Tavernkeepers names or Towns—	Expences
26 miles from Exeter	To my house—	£0,, 5,, 4
To Dunstable 12 miles	Esqr Lovells—	0,, 0,, 8
8 miles to Woods in	Grotten Lodging—	0,, 5,, 0
5	to Chiles gotten Breakfast—	0,, 2,, 8
6	to Hartford—	0,, 1,, 10
4	to Athertons Lanchaster—	0,, 1,, 1
7	to Whites in Ditto—	0,, 2,, 4
8	to Beamans in Shrewsbury Lodging—	0,, 6,, 2
8	to Starns in Wooster—	0,, 4,, 1
8	to Lowtroops in Lister Dinner—	0,, 2,, 8
5	to Weights in Spencer—	0,, 1,, 2
4	to Hichcocks Brookfield Lodging—	0,, 6,, 10
5	to Cuttlers in Westerly—	0,, 2,, 8
10	to Greaves in Palmer—	0,, 1,, 0
6½	to Warners in Welbrham—	0,, 2,, 0
12	to Kingsbury Enfield—	
1½	to Granges Suffield Connecticut—	0,, 6,, 11

3	to Kents in Suffield—	0,,	2,,	8
	Blacksmiths Charge—	0,,	3,,	4
6	to Oakhams in Simsburry—	0,,	0,,	11
7	to Phelps in Ditto—	0,,	2,,	6
7	to Humpreys in Ditto—	0,,	0,,	6
8	to Yeals in farmigton—	0,,	4,,	10
4½	to Phillips in herrington—	0,,	2,,	0
6	to Litchfield Doltens—	0,,	2,,	0
12	to CogsDales New Milford—	0,,	2,,	8
11	to Beaches at Bulls Iron works—	0,,	9,,	0
10	to Haldes in Dover—	0,,	1,,	4
10	to Deenes—	0,,	3,,	6
10	to Capt Griffens fish kills—	0,,	8,,	4
4	to fish kills—	0,,	2,,	11
9	to Warrens in the Highlands—	0,,	3,,	6
13	to Lunts Peekskill—	0,,	7,,	6
5	to Kingsferry Shoeing and Breakfast—	0,,	6,,	6
4	to Haverstraw—	0,,	2,,	4
7	to Keakeat Dutch mans—	0,,	3,,	11
7	to Soverens at Rampock—	0,,	1,,	0
	paid for Buck Wheat and corn—	0,,	1,,	11
10	to Garrisons in Pumpton—	0,,	2,,	0
15	to Conick to Mandivels—	0,,	4,,	0
12	to Moristown—	0,,	3,,	0
1½	to Prudents in Ditto—	0,,	6,,	9
8	to Vealtown—	0,,	3,,	0
12	to the White house—	0,,	2,,	9
11	to Flemingham—	0,,	8,,	0
10	to Robinsons ferry at Delaware—	0,,	3,,	0
7	to Bougers Tavern—	0,,	4,,	9
7	to kilevals—	0,,	1,,	6
6	to Buttlers—	0,,	8,,	3
4	to Jenkens—	0,,	3,,	6
10	to Philadelphia Carsons Sign of the Harp & Crown—	1,,	4,,	3
7	to Smiths at Derby—	0,,	3,,	10
12	to Duttens—	0,,	13,,	5
8	to Wilminton—			
3	to Newport—	0,,	1,,	4
5	to Cristine—			
11	to Elk River—	0,,	3,,	4
7	to North East—	0,,	1,,	9
11	to Rogers at Sisquhanna River for Pilot & Lodging—	1,,	4,,	5
12	to the head of Bush River—	0,,	1,,	4
8	to the Iron works—	0,,	6,,	3
12	to Carmicaels Sign of Masons arms—	0,,	13,,	3

7	to Baltimore at Mr Mackindles for one Days—	0,,	16,,	0
	at the Coffey house—	1,,	16,,	4
	for Shaving and Washing While at Baltimore—	0,,	14,,	3
	Powder Bullets and Shoot—	0,,	11,,	10
	at Macandleys in Baltimore 21 Days 2 men & 2 Horses—	21,,	14,,	0
7	to Carmichaels Left Baltimore the 11th of Febry—	0,,	17,,	6
	at the falls Lodging 6 men and 9 horses—	1,,	16,,	6
	at Bush—	0,,	16,,	0
	at the River Sisquhannah Dinner & ferrage—	1,,	12,,	6
	more to Treating the Negros for helping the Loading out—	0,,	4,,	3
	at North East Lodging—	2,,	9,,	10
	at the Elk—	0,,	15,,	0
	at Dowdles Cristine—	1,,	6,,	0
	At Grays in Newport Lodging—	2,,	7,,	0
	At Elots—	0,,	11,,	0
	at Duttens—	1,,	7,,	0
	at Chester—	0,,	3,,	0
	at Briants Lodging—	1,,	16,,	3
	at Smiths in Derby—	1,,	2,,	4
	at Philadelphia Saturday the 15th	0,,	13,,	0
	at Rising Sun Lodging for 2 men and Horse—	0,,	11,,	0
	at Pauls in Frankfort 2/6 and 12/ to the Waggoner—	0,,	14,,	6
	at Macvays in Frankfort Lodging—	3,,	13,,	9
	at Comlys Tavern for Dinner &c—	1,,	1,,	0
	at Bennets for Lodging—	2,,	3,,	8
	at Correls at the ferry—	0,,	16,,	0
	to the ferrymen—	0,,	4,,	0
	at amuels—	0,,	2,,	2
12	miles from Dalaware to Mr Dalwickos—	0,,	9,,	0
8	to Redintons Lodging—	1,,	4,,	0
3	to White house—	0,,	8,,	6
7	to the Stone house—Dinner—	0,,	18,,	0
10	to youngs Lodging—	2,,	19,,	0
	paid for Shoeing Horses—	0,,	7,,	9
8	to Howels—	0,,	8,,	0
8	to Mandevals Dinner—	0,,	6,,	0
	Capt Throops Expence in going to Morristown—	0,,	17,,	0
	paid to the Waggoner for Oats—	0,,	10,,	0

15	to Rampock Lodging—	1,,	4,,	0
	for my Expences when alone at Ditto—	0,,	2,,	0
7	to Soverins Tavern—	0,,	1,,	6
8	to Caroll Dinner—	0,,	2,,	0
10	to Kingsferry—	0,,	4,,	0
5	to Peekskill Lodging—	1,,	10,,	6
	more at Peekskill—	0,,	6,,	0
7	miles to the Dutchmans—	0,,	1,,	0
18	to Dutchy County where I came up with the Waggon—	0,,	13,,	0
	Capt Throops acc^{t} for the Companys Expence—	2,,	4,,	0
	more paid Co^{ll} Gregg Expences in the Jerseys—	2,,	3,,	6
8	to Shermans Lodging—	1,,	10,,	0
	paid to Mr Sherman for Carrying part the load to Milford	0,,	11,,	0
11	to Milford—	0,,	7,,	0
6	to Fowlers in Milford, Dinner—	0,,	6,,	6
5	to Stones—	0,,	3,,	6
3	to Stodders Lodging—	1,,	0,,	0
3	to Litchfield Breakfast Buels—	0,,	6,,	6
3	to Buels Snow Storm this Day—	0,,	3,,	8
3	to Philips Lodging and Washing—	2,,	1,,	11
3	to Catlines—	0,,	9,,	6
14	to Farmington Coll^{s} Lodging—	1,,	4,,	0
	paid to Mr Potter for Carrying the load 22 miles—	1,,	10,,	6
	more paid for Ditto 3 miles—	0,,	6,,	0
10	to Hartford Mr Jones Lodging & Horse keeping—	1,,	3,,	2
8	to Windser—	0,,	2,,	0
8	to Endfield Dinner—	0,,	7,,	9
13	to Wilbraham—	0,,	2,,	6
7	to Graves Tavern Lodging—	1,,	3,,	6
5	to Bliss Tavern Breakfast—	0,,	7,,	0
10	to Hitchcocks—	0,,	2,,	10
11	to Lister Dinner—	0,,	8,,	0
10	to Woster Starns—	0,,	2,,	4
8	to Farras Lodging—	1,,	1,,	0
14	to Hows Malbury—	0,,	8,,	0
10	to Jones Wetham—	0,,	4,,	0
12	to Bakers Rocksburry—	0,,	1,,	6
	Capt Troops Expences when from us—	1,,	11,,	0
	to Boston came to Boston Saturday the 1st of March 4 of the Clock afternoon			
3	Expences at Mr Moores in Boston	3,,	18,,	8

3	other Expences at Boston & Elswhere paid by Co^{ll} Gregg—	0,,	8,,	3
10	miles to Wymans in Wooburn Lodging—	1,,	1,,	4
10	to Deacon Ballards Willminton—	0,,	2,,	3
8	to Mastens at the river—	0,,	2,,	4
7	to Deacon Kelleys New Salem Dinner—	0,,	5,,	8
8	Horse Shoeing—	0,,	2,,	6
9	to Chester Ingols—	0,,	1,,	2
7	to Towels Kingston—	0,,	3,,	1
8	at Exeter when returning the money—	0,,	13,,	4
	at Towles kingstown—	0,,	3,,	0
	at Ingalls in Chester—	0,,	2,,	0

[James Betton was born in Scotland in 1728; he took up his residence in Windham about 1753, and was a prominent man in the town and state, and was employed on several important commissions during the Revolutionary war. He was a member of the state legislature in 1777, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84,–'86, '89, '91, and '93, and died March 18, 1803.—Ed.]

WINDSOR.

The town was formerly called Campbell's Gore. By an act passed June 21, 1797, a tract of land known as Wheeler's Gore, situated between Campbell's Gore and the town of Washington, was annexed to said Campbell's Gore.

The town was incorporated December 27, 1798, at which time it received its present name; and by the same act Joshua Lovejoy was authorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants, and preside in the same until a moderator was chosen.

This is one of the smallest towns in the state, territorially considered, and contained but sixty-five inhabitants in 1880.

[11–176] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents: addressed to the General Court, 1787.*]

Gentlemen—

We the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore in the County of Hillsborough, humbly petition—whereas Labouring under many Difficulties & Inconveniencies for the want of a Road through

said Gore from Antrim to Washington, & in making said Road passable, there must be a Bridge built of considerable Length & Heighth, which will be of great Use & Benefit to the Publick, as well as to the Inhabitants And often being requested to build said bridge by the people above & below us, & we not being able to perform said Work, begs that your Honours will allow us the Subscribers, to Tax the Non Resident Lands to the high Ways so as to Enable us to perform said work as it will be as beneficial to their Interest as Ours.—And also humbly desire your Honours to call the Name of this place Scituate—which Requests we are Continually Praying for—

Campbells Gore May 25th 1787

Joel Richards	Jonathan Swett	David perkins
Stephen Wyman	Asa Dresser	Nathan Barker
Thomas Stickney	Elijah Green	John Gordon
John Roche	John Roch Jr	Josiah Swett

[11-177] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Campbell's Gore and part of Hillsborough, for Incorporation, 1790.*]

To the Honourable Senate, and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened at Portsmouth, within & for the State of Newhampshire—

The Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of a track of Land, called Campbells Gore—and also of Sundry of the Inhabitants, living in the Southwest part of the town of Hillsborough—Most humbly Shews—That the said track of Land first Mentioned, containing but About 3000 Acres, which is too small ever to become a town or parish Sufficient to Maintain the Gospel or carry on publick business, and its Situation is such, that it cannot be Joined to any Lands for its Relief, except a track of Land, Lying in the southwest part of said Hillsborough, on which a number of your Petitioners reside, and are desirous of being United with the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore, by an Incorporation vesting them with such town previleges and Immunities as other towns in the State hold and do enjoy—That the whole town of Hillsborough contains about 26000 Acres, and the part hereby requested to be Joined to the said Gore contains only about 6000 Acres—That should the prayer of this petition be granted will then contain about 20000 Acres, a Quantity Sufficient to afford Ample support for a Minister & remain a respectable town, and we cannot see any Ill-convenience that will attend the granting this Request, as the town of Hillsborough have Erected a new Meeting house and

have Settled a Minister of the Congregational Standing, the old parish of Hillsborough being the greatest Majority carries all Votes to their Liking, & we being Presbyterians cannot Join with them—Although we have helped to defray all charges, and not willing to make any Difficulty in a new Country, and as Opportunity now presents to Join said Gore, to be releaved from our present bondage, we trust they will make no Opposition in this our request, which we hope will appear to your honours very Reasonable & draw a small part of your Attention on the Premises—Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that an Act may pass the Honourable Assembly, Incorporating into a town the said Gore, with the Southwesterly part of Hillsborough, according to the following Directions and Boundaries (Viz) Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot N° 39 in the third Division (so called) being the south bounds of said Hillsborough, thence North about 15 Deg^r West, in the east bounds of the Westermost range of the said third Division, Lots to the Northeast corner of Lot N° 6 in said Division, thence south Eight Deg^r and an half West, to the North West corner of said Lot N° 6 thence Northerdly about 30 Rods to the Northeast Corner of Lot N° 58 in the Second Division, thence Westerdly in the North bounds of said Lot N° 58, N° 27 and N° 16 to the West bounds of said Hillsborough—Then pursuing the North west and South Lines of said Gore as the same are now reputed to be, till it shall come to the South west Corner bound of said Hillsborough, thence Easterdly in the South Line of Hillsborough to the place of beginning—Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that a Committee be sent on said premises viewing our Situation, and setting of so much as said Boundaries specifies, or any other Lines, as they in their Wisdom sees fit—And Your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever fervently Pray &c &c &c—

Dated Jany 6th 1790—

Names of the Signers belonging to Hillsborough—

David Goodell
John m^c Clintok
John Mc Cleary
Andrew Bixbe
Moses Steele
Thomas murdough
John Bixbe
Joseph Taggart
Alexander m^cClintok
Fortu^ns Wheeler
Solomon Andrews
William Love
David Livermore
Samuel Pope
Issachar Andrews
benjaman Jones
benjaman Jones Jun
John Gibson
Archibald Taggart
I william Hutchingson has nothan against being sot of—
Tho miller Miller
James Miller
William Tallant
Samuel Preston
Robert patten
hugh Smith
I John m^cNeaill has nothan against being Sat of

Names of the Signers belonging to Campbells Gore

Josiah Swett	Josiah Swett Jun	Eben^{r} Curtice
David Perkins	James Jones	Daniel Gibson
Stephen Wyman	John Roche	Henry Bagley
John Goodell	John Roach J^{r}	William Jones
Nathan Barker	James Roche	Daniel Gordon
Joshua Jones	Jonathan Swett	
Daniel Bixbe	Asa Dresser	

[In H. of Rep., January 16, 1790, Robert Wallace, of Henniker, Nenian Aiken, of Deering, and Capt. Daniel Miltimore, of Antrim, were appointed as a committee "to view the situation" and report to the next session. Council non-concurred.—Ed.]

[11-179] [*Another Petition for Incorporation: addressed to the General Assembly, 1790.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers, being Inhabitants of a track of Land called Campbell Gore—and also of Sundry of the Inhabitants living in the South west part of the town of Hillsborough—

Most humbly Shews—

That the said track of Land first Mentioned, containing between 3 and 4000 Acres, which is to small ever to become a town, or parish Sufficient to maintain the Gosple, or carry on publick business, and its Situation is such, that it cannot be Joined to any Lands for its relief, except a track of Land, lying in the South West of said Hillsborough, on which a number of your petitioners reside, and are desirous of being United with the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore by an Incorporation vesting them with such town previliges and Immunites as other towns in the State hold and do Enjoy—

That the whole town of Hillsborough contains about the Quantity of 26000—and part hereby requested to be Joined to the said Gore Contains only about 6000 Acres—Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that an act may pass the honourable Assembly—Incorporating into a town the said Gore, with the South West part of Hillsborough, According to the following Description & Boundaries (Viz) Beginning at the South east Corner of Lot N° 39 in the third Division (so called) being the south bounds of said Hillsborough thence North about 15 Degrees West, in the east bounds of the Westermost range of the said 3^{d} Division Lots, to the northeast Corner of Lot N° 6 in said Division, thence south Eight Degrees and an half

West, to the North West Corner of said Lot N° 6, thence Northerdly about 30 Rods to the North east Corner of Lot N° 58 in the second Division, thence Westerdly in the North bounds of said Lot N° 58 N° 27 and N° 16 to the West bounds of said Hillsborough, Then pursuing the North West and South Lines of said Gore as the same are now reputed to be—till it shall come to the South West Corner bounds of said Hillsborough—thence easterdly in the south Lines of Hillsborough to place of beginning.

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that a Committee may be Appointed to come on to the premises, to view our Situation, and set of so much of said Boundaries, together with so much of the Adjacent towns of Washington and Stoddard, as your Wisdom sees fit—And your petitioners as in Duty bound, will ever fervently pray &c &c &c—

Dated May 28th 1790—

Names of the Signers belonging to Hillsborough

John mcClintok	Benjamin Jones Jr	Samuel Preston
David Goodell	Fortunatus Wheeler	Solomon Andrews
Andrew Bixbe	Samuel Pope	David Livermore
Moses Steel	Joseph Taggart	Elexander macClintock
John Gibson	Thomas murdough	
John McCleary	William Tallant	
Benjamin Jones	John Bigsbe	

Names of the Signers belonging to Campbells Gore—

Josiah Swett	william Jones Junr	Daniel Gibson
Isaac Procter	John Roch Jr	Issacher Andrews
Ebenr Curtice	John Goodell	Joshua Jones
Asa Dresser	Asa Goodell	Stephen Wyman
Henry Bagley	Nathan Barker	
Josiah Swett Jun	John Roche	

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1790, a committee was appointed consisting of Stephen Dole of Bedford, Elijah Frink of Lempster, and Timothy Taylor of Merrimack, to report to the next session. They reported as follows:—Ed.]

[11-181] [*Committee's Report on foregoing.*]

Your Committee beg leave to report on the petition of the Inhabitants of Campbels Gore and Sundry of the Inhabitants of the West part of Hilsborough, That after Viewing the prem-

ises according to their Request and hearing all parties, give it as our Opinion that it will be Convenient to be a Town Incorporated and Bounded as Followeth Beginning on the South line of Hilsborough at the South East Corner of Lot N° 42 thence Running Northerly on the Range Line to North East Corner of Lot N° 27 thence Westardly one Mile to the North West Corner of the Lot N° 16 in the Second Divition on the West Line of the Town of Hilsborough Thence Running Westerly on the North line of the S^d Campbel Gore to the East Line of Washington thence Continuing West one Mile to the West Line of the Second Range in the first Divition so Called in the Town of Washington thence Southerly on the Range line to Stodard North line thence So far West as to the North West Corner of the Lot N° 28 in the third Range So Called in S^d Stodard thence South on the Range Line So far South as to be parrellel with the South Line of the afore Said Campbels Gore Thence Easterly to the first Mentioned Bounds

Which is Humbly Submitted Stephen Dole for the Com^tee

[In H. of Rep., January 14, 1791, a hearing was ordered for the next session; meanwhile, the petitioners were to notify the selectmen of Hillsborough, Stoddard, and Washington.—Ed.]

[11–182] [*Voters in Campbell's Gore, 1791.*]

Campbels Gore June the 9 y^r 1791

A trew Record of the inhabetance of Campbels Gore being Voters at the Prescent Day

James Jones	Nathan Barker	Danil Gibson
Danill Gorden	Issacher Andrews	Ebenezer Curtis
William Jones Junr	Joshua Jones	John Curtis
Benjaman Jones Juner	Stephen Wyman	Isace Curtis
	David Pirkins	David Morrison
Josiah Swett Juner	Asa Dresser	Henry Bagly
Saml Jones	Jonathan Swett	Saml Bradford
Josiah Proctr	John Roch	Abither Eaton
Isace Dodge	John Roch Juner	
Joel Richards	James Roch	

A trew Coppy of the above inhabetance
by me
Joel Richards T: Cleark

[11-183] [*Sundry Citizens remonstrate against being incorporated with any part of Washington or Stoddard: addressed to the General Court, June, 1791.*]

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore, humbly Sheweth, that whereas there is a Petition, now laying before your Honours the Prayer of which is—that Campbells Gore part of Hillsborough and other Lands be Incorporated into a town—the Order already taken on said Petition now lays in the Report of your Honours Committee and Appointed for a day of hearing, and as it Appears to us your Petitioners, that if the Report of said Committee Should be that we are to be Annexed with any part of Washington or Stoddard it would be much more to our Disadvantage, than to be as we are—We your petitioners, therefore humbly Pray, that we may not be Incorporated into a Town, with any part of Washington or Stoddard—All which is humbly submitted to your honours to do as in your great Wisdom may see meet—

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray—
Given at Campbells Gore
Feby 23^{d} 1791—

Jonathan Swett	James Jones	Benjamin Jons Jr
David Perkins	Saml Bradford Juner	John Roche Jr
Saml Jones	James Roche	Stephen Wyman
William Jones Junr	Abiathar Eaton	Isace Curtice
Nathan Barker	Joel Richards	
Josiah Proctor Jur	Danill Gordon	

[11-185] [*Petition for Authority to Levy Taxes, 1793.*]

State of Newhamp^{r}

To the Honarable the Sennat and house of Representatives at Concord Convened on the first wensday of June 1793

The petition of the Selectmen of Campbels gore in the County of Hillsborough in Said State humbley Shews that by Reson of our not being a body Corprate we Consider ourselves not otherized to lay out aney Roads as the Select men of incorprated towns are by law nither Can we oblidge persons to work to open or Repair Roads tho of Ever so much Utility to the publick nor are we by law Enabled to Raise aney money for Schools &c: So that we are Denied the Common privilege of our fellow Sitysens notwithstanding we are taxed to Support goverment: and whereas the County Road Leading from Amherst to Charlstown is laid out through Said gore with Sundry other Roads of

publick Utility and the publick is greatly Ingred by Said Roads not being mad pasable wherefor we your petionars pray your honors to take our Case into your wise Consideration: and pass an act Enableing the Select men of Said Campbels gore in futter to Raise money for the Suport of Schools in proportion to our tax as other towns are by law otherised to do: also to lay out and Repair all needfull Roads: or otherwise grant Such Relife as your honors in your wisdom Shall See meet and your petitioners as in duty bound will Ever pray

John Curtice
Samuel Preston } Selectmen of Campbells gore
Joshua Jones

[A hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[11–186] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1798.*]

The inhabitants of Campbels Gore, humbly Sheweth that they have for A considerable time bin Subject to paying their proportⁿ of State and County Taxes, and feel them Selves willing to bair their proportion of burden in peace or War, and wish to be incorperated into A Town, by the Name of Winsor, or any other Name that your Honʳ May think best, if in your Wisdom you Should think best to Grant our Petition, and we as in Duty bound pray—

Dated at Campbells Gore June yᵉ 5 1798

Joshua Lovejoy
Willᵐ Hoopper } Select Men
Allexander McClintock

[See introduction.—Ed.]

WOLFEBOROUGH.

There is no record of the grant or incorporation of the town in the office of the secretary of state. John Farmer states that it was granted by charter in 1770, to Gov. John Wentworth, Mark H. Wentworth, and others; and in a foot note in "Farmer's Belknap," he states that it was incorpo-

rated in 1770.* The first reference to the town by name in the secretary's office is in council and assembly records of October 26, 1768, and in records of the H. of Rep. of same date, and relates to making a road from Wolfeborough to Stonington (now Northumberland). In the journal of H. of Rep. the word is Wolfsborough, and in the council and assembly records, Wolfborough. The latter spelling is also used in both records in March, 1769. The derivation of the name is uncertain. December 4, 1800, a tract of land known as Wolfeborough Addition was annexed to this town.

By an act passed June 27, 1849, some territory was severed from Alton and annexed to Wolfeborough. June 26, 1858, the farm of Benjamin Wiggin was severed from Tuftonborough and annexed to this town.

[11-187] [*Minutes of Laying out a Road from Wolfeborough to Plymouth, 1771.*]

In Pursuance of our Appointment By Act of the Generall Assembly, We Have Survay^d Mark^d & Measur^d a Road, From the Governor^s House in Wolfborough To Plymouth, Which Road is Mark^d for Three Rods Wide, Begining at The Goveror^s House in Wolfborough Affor^sd

Running from Thence N° 27 Degrees East 1 Mile And ¼ to to Mr Rindges—

From Thence W— 45— N: ¾ of a Mile on Wolfborough Road

From Thence W— 4 N— 7 Mile^s To Miles Road So Call^d

From Thence W— 45 N— ¼ of a Mile To Sq^r Livinis

From Thence No. 40 W. 5 Mile^s on Miles^es Road To Melvins River

From Thence N— 32 W— 3 Mile^s & ½ on Said rode to Colone^ll Moultons

From Thence N— 34 W— 1 Mile To Ebenezar Blak^s

From Thence W— 20 S— 6 Mile^s & ¼ To Senters

From Thence W— 40 N— 8 Mile^s & ½ To Sheperds

From Thence N— 20 W— 1 Mile & ½ To Sq^r Livermore^s

From Thence N— 25 W— 2 Mile^s & ¼ To Pemagawasset River at the Entrance of the Mill Brook So Call^d The Whole of Which Being Computed To Be 36 Mile^s & ¾th^s All Which we Have Carefully, Survay^d Plainly Mark^d And Do Report Capable of Being Made a Good Road Of Which Survay We

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[*The petition for incorporation is in Vol. IX, p. 824.—Ed.]

Have Herby Mad a True Return All Which is To Your Excellency & Honour[s] Most Humbly Submitted—
Dated Sept 20th 1771—

Joseph Senter
David Copp } Com[tt]
Samuel Sheperd

[11-188] [*Account of Taxes on Gov. Wentworth's Estate.*]

The state of New Hamp[shr]

To the Town of Wolfborough D[r]

1779 To Taxes due from the Estate formerly belonging to the late Gov[r] Wentworth—(Viz)

1st Continental Tax for 1779—	£75, 15, 2	
State Tax—	50, 8, 11	
Town Ditto—	38, 14, 11½	
		164, 19, 0½
2[d] Continental Tax—		236, 19, 1¼
Taxes due on the Lot N° 7 belonging to the above Estate being set down in the first List of Rates, to George Meserve Esq[r] thro' Mistake viz[t]		
1st Continental Tax for 1779—	£3, 10, 9¾	
State Tax—	2, 7, 6¾	
Town Ditto—	1, 16, 6¾	
		7, 14, 11¼
Deduct for Cash rec'd of the Com[ttee] Mess[rs] Maj[r] Hodgdon & M[r] Hanson by the Constable		£409, 13, 1
		126, 4, 1
		£283, 9, 0

Due from the State Farm—

Taxes due from the Estate lately belonging to George Meserve Esq[r]—(viz[t])

Lot N° 9—1st Continental Tax for 1779—	£3, 10, 9¾	
State Tax—	2, 7, 6¾	
Town Ditto—	1, 16, 6¾	
2[d] Continent[l] Tax—	10, 13, 6¾	
N° 20 1st Continent[l] Tax—	3, 17, 9	
State Tax—	2, 11, 8¼	
Town Ditto—	1, 19, 8½	
2[d] Continental Tax—	11, 12, 2¼	

N° 21,	1st Continental Tax—	3,	7,	4	
	State Tax—	2,	4,	9¾	
	Town Ditto—	1,	14,	5¼	
	2d Continentl Tax—	10,	3,	4¾	
					55, 19, 9¾
	due from Meserve's Estate—				£339, 8, 9¾

Wolfborough March 28, 1780

Errors Excepted in behalf of the Select Men
Per Matthas Stany Parker—One of the Select Men

Exeter April 25th 1780

In Committee on Claims
The above Account amounts to Three Hundred and Thirty Nine Pounds eight shillings, Nine pence three farthings—
Examd per Josiah Gilman Junr

29th April 1780 Recd an Order on the Treasurer for three hundred & thirty nine pounds eight shillings, nine pence three farthings the Amount of the within Account—
In behalf of the Selectmen of Wolfborough
Per Matthes S. Parker

[R. 4–190] [*Men in the Army, 1776.*]

Wolfborough July 9th 1776

This may certify who it may Concern that the persons whos names are underritten are gone in the Army out of this Town

Vizt	Poll Rats		
Sachariah Bunker	2–6	Samuel Mellows	2–6
Moses Tibbets	2–6	Garret Byron	2–6
Ichabod Tibbets	2–6	Archibald Camble	2–6
William Twombly	2–6		
			1–7–6

Henry Rust
Robert Calder } Select Men
Moses Ham

[R. 4–191] [*James Wiggin, Soldier, 1780.*]

Camp Soldiers Fortune Decr 9th 1780

Jams Wiggens soldier in the 3d N Hampshire Regt Inhabitant of the state of N. Hampshire is hereby discharged and permitted to return to the above state—

Jan Wait Majr 3d N. H.

To whom it may Concern—

All issueing Commissary's are desired to supply the within named Jam^{s} Wiggens with provisions on his way to New Hampshire, none to be delivered by this order after the 19th Ins^{t}—

Ja^{n} Wait Maj^{r} 3^{d} N H.

Issued Two Days Provisions

Decr 12—1780 Thos Pratt A C S

Wolfborough man for 6 m^{o}

[R. 4-192] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Wolfborough December 23th 1783

Sir Please to pay to Mr Reuben Libbey the wages due to me as a soldier in the scouting under Command of Capt Jacob Smith at Shelburne in the year 1781 in so doing you will oblige your H'ble servent

Jeremiah Sincler

To the Honble Mesech Weare Esqr

President of the state of New Hampshire

[R. 4-193] [*Petition of Reuben Libbey, Soldier.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon^{le} Senet and House of Representatives Convend at Portsmouth

February 1th Day 1786—

The Petition of Reuben Libbey of Wolfborough in said state Humble Shews—that your petitioner some time in the Month of July in the year 1779 Engaged as a soldier in Col^{o} Mooney Regment and Mustred by Col^{o} Bager and went to Providence Joined Capt Emerson Company and served untill Sepr 10th day 1779—and then discharged and your petitioner hath never Recvied a Peney for his Time or Traviel or was not maid up in any Company or upon any Roll in the Regment wherefore your Petitioner begs that he May Recive the same in Every shape as the Rest of the Regment for the time he was in the sarvice and Your Petitioner begs that he may have some Intrest for his Money your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray—

Reuben Libbey

[11-194] [*Petition relative to a new Town: addressed to the General Assembly, June, 1785.*]

The petition of the Inhabitants of the south west part of the Town of Wolfborough—

Humbly Sheweth—

That your petitioners were unexpectedly Notified of a petition being preferred to this Honble Court in the Course of their Last session at Concord, by a small number of the Inhabitants of s^d Wolfboro' living on the Northeasterly side of s^d Town (in Conjunction with the Inhabitants of the second Division of Middletown Containing about thirty Families) for the purpose of Dividing said Towns, in Order to Erect a New Township—the prayer whereof your petitioners humbly conceive (as well as the Inhabitants of the first division of s^d Middletown) to be exceeding unreasonable for the Reasons following—(vizt) First, Because the whole Number of Families now living in s^d Wolfboro', does not Exceed Forty five, & those in Middletown about twice that Number, so that to divide two such small Number of Inhabitants to make three Towns would be very injurious & expensive to said Inhabitants, as well as, the Community at large, at they cannot be Benefited at present by being annexed to any other Town—

That the whole Town of Wolfborough together, are poorly able to support proper Town Government & Order, & by Reason of their low Circumstances & the dificulty of the late Times have never been able to settle a Minister of the Gospel, or even to hire Necessary schooling for their Children, and now to cut off a quarter or one third of s^d Inhabitants would entirely disenable & even Obliterate all prospect of enjoying such a Blessing for a long time to Come, as their are not any near settlements in the Towns adjoining to be united to us, and but little prospects of there being any at present as the Lands are held by the Proprietors in large Bodies & not to be obtain'd without a large price being given therefor—

Secondly—That though the Inhabitants may not exceed the Number abovementioned, who have petitioned for the separation, Yet that part of the Land they would be glad to have set off is above one half in Value as to the quality, of the whole Town, the Middle part being exceeding poor and very little thereof suitable for settlements—

Thirdly—That your petitioners mostly live on one direct Road thro' the southwest part of s^d Town adjoining to Winnepiseokee Lake & the land on said Road for one Miles Distance from said Lake being wholly taken up (which contains in a manner all the land upon that Quarter suitable for settlements) they cannot be Benefited by any more or at least but very few

settlers there, and few Inhabitants living in the Towns adjoining under the Distance of Eight or Ten Miles & those very Scattering that the prospects of any Benefit from a Connection with them at Present is entirely Chimerical—

Lastly—That however practicable such a Division may be in some future Day when those Towns become Inhabited, that a Division would be exceeding injurious for the Reasons already Suggested which contain plain matters of fact, and indeed would totally compleat for a long space of Time the Ruin of two Towns to build up one, & which if effected would not accommodate so many persons as it would injure, & only serve to gratify the Ambition of two or three Designing persons who would be glad perhaps (in this Case) to advance themselves tho' at the same time their Neighbours should be injured, which would verily be the Case, if their Prayer should be granted—As to their great Objection they make of having so far to travel to the Annual Meeting of s^d^ Town they have never once ask'd or desired, to have the Meeting held over upon that quarter, which if they had, would have been readily granted, tho' then but very few of them would be Benifited thereby, as they live so Scattering—

Therefore your Petitioners humbly conceive, that the prayer of their Petition appears at present to be so unreasonable that your Honours will not so greatly injure the Majority of two Towns of your peaceable Subjects only to gratify the Ambition of a few Individuals by granting the prayer thereof but will of Course dismiss the same, & in so doing, as in Duty Bound your Petitioners will ever pray &c &c.

Wolfborough June 1785—

Benjamen Blake	John Piper	James Fullerton
Jeremiah Gould	Lemuel Clifford	Enoch Thomas
John Horne	Henry Rust	Samuel Tibbets
Benj: Evens	Matth^w^ S. Parker	Jonathan Chase
John Fullerton	Eben^r^ Horne	Ithiel Clifford
Eben^r^ Meder	Andrew Lucas	Andrew Wiggin
Jonathan Harsey	James Lucas J^r^	James Wiggin
John Lucas	James Connor	Benj^a^ Wiggin
John Lary	Henry Rust Junr	Stephen Horne
Joseph Lary	Richard Rust	Isaiah Horne
Thomas piper	Jacob Smith	Ebenezer Horne J^r^

[See Vol. XII, pp. 598, 599.—Ed.]

[11-195] [*Petition for a New Town, Wolfeborough and Middleton, 1785.*]

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives sitting at Exeter—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Towns of Wolfborough and Middleton Humbly Shews—

That, your petitioners from Wolfborough are put to great Inconveniencies in transacting Town Business by reason of a very large pond which lays between them and the place of holding their Meetings—

That, your petitioners from Middleton (Inhabitants of the Second Division) are subjected to as great Inconveniences by reason of the great Distance they live from the place of holding their Meetings and the Badness of the Roads which for a great part of the Year are almost impassable—

That, the Eastermost part of said Wolfborough and the Second Division of s^d Middleton are well calculated for a Township—Your petitioners therefore pray that the said two Tracts of Land may be annexed and erected into a Distinct and seperate Town by such Metes & Bounds as your Honors shall order—and as in Duty bound your petitioners will pray &c

Nicholas austin	Ebzer Bennett	Simon Dearborn
Benjamin Clay	Peter Stellings	John Palmer
Josiah Robinson	moses Perkins	Wolfborough
Stephen Lyford	wellaim Wile	Robert Calder
Jonathan Clay	Ezekiel Sanborn	William Cotton
Bartholomew Richards	Josiah Wiggin	Joseph Leavitt
	Samuel Tibbetts	James Sheafe
Jedidiah Drew	Josiah Wille	Jonathan Lang
David Durgin	Isaac Drew	John Costelloe
Daniel Croxford	John Fornel	

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1785, a committee, consisting of Ebenezer Smith, of Meredith, Daniel Beede, of Sandwich, and Moses Baker, of Campton, was appointed to investigate and report at next session.—Ed.]

[11-197] [*Report of the aforenamed Committee.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble the House of Representatives

We the Subscribers Pursuant to our appointment having Repair^d to Wolfborough & midleton & haveing fully Vewed Said

towns find the Situation of Wolfsborough to be such as will not admit of a division without great inconveniances & hurt to s^d town We have also Viewed the town of midleton & find the Situation thereof Such that there is no Passing from one end thereof unto the other with out going out of the Limits thereof to get round a mountain Which makes it exceeding dificult for the Inhabatance to meet together on any ocasion And the Inhabatance of Wolfsborough have fixed upon a Place to Sit their meeting house & hold their Public town Meetings as near the center of s^d Wolfsborough with two miles of the Northeast end of Midleton if annex^d thereto which Place is on the Westerly Side of Lot N° 4, and about thirty rods Northerly of Smiths Pond Which the Inhabatance of Wolfborough with the Agents of the Petitisioners of the Northeasterly end of midleton have agreed to have established by the act of IncorPoration if it Should be the Courts Pleasure to Pass an act to Incorporate any Part of midleton with Wolfsborough We therefore recommend it Conveniant for four ranges of Lots or more which contain about one half mile each of the Northeast end of midletown to be annex^d to Wolfsborough if Pray^d for by Such Part of Midletown—

Wolfborough oct^r 7th 1785

Ebenezer Smith
Daniel Beede } Committee
Moses Baker

[11-198] [*Remonstrance to the Formation of the New Town: addressed to the General Court, February, 1786.*]

Humbly Shew, the Inhabitants of the Town of Wolfborough in the County of Strafford & State aforesaid, That they were very unexpectedly surprized by receiving a few Days since, a Copy of a Petition signed by Nicholas Austin in behalf of the Settlers of the Second Division of Middletown with the order of Court thereon, praying that the s^d second Division of Middletown, might be annexed to Wolfborough

Your Petitioners are exceeding sorry that thro' the restless Machinations of designing Persons they should be drawn into the disagreeable necessity of taking up your Honours time upon a Subject they thought already fix'd and Determined—Your Honors will perceive by the Report of your Committee ye last Sessions at Concord, That, the Town of Wolfboro' was well situated & could not be divided without great injury, and we dare say had this plan been within the limits of their Business, they would have reported, that, such an addition as prayed for

by Friend Austin would be as injurious, to more than three fourths of the Inhabitants as a Division of the Town—Yet notwithstanding the inconvenience of a Connection at all, the Agents in behalf of Wolfborough consented that two Miles of Middletown next to Wolfboro' should be annexed thereto as it was so disadvantageous for them to tend public Business in their own Town, conceiving that the lower part of said second Division, would in that Case poll off to Wakefield, as Many of the Settlers living on s^d^ Tract are intermixt as it were with those of that Town, & as was proposed by sundry of them—Such a connection as that was consented to by the Agents of both parties in the presence of the Committee as they reported, and as your Petitioners thought would have been a Conclusion of the matter so far as it concerned them, & in consequence thereof they agreed upon a place for building a meeting House, not thinking that after said Austin (as Agent) had Consented thereto in presence of the Committee, would have been so dishonourable as to have attempted any thing further, & Mr Cabbott being then present was so far satisfied with the agreem^t^ made by the Agents as to propose the place for setting a Meeting House himself & accordingly gave his word in writing for a lot of Land for the purpose, which was agreed by all parties should be established by an Act of Court as reported by ye Committee—

Now if in Case any more than the two Miles should be annexed to Wolfborough, it would be the means of sowing such seeds of Discord & Dissention in the Town as the age of man would never see ended—Therefore your Petitioners humbly beg that the prayer of s^d^ Petition may not be granted—But that if the proposed Connection will not satisfy their restless Agent, they may be continued together until the s^d^ Division becomes sufficiently Inhabited for a Town or Parish by themselves which no doubt will be very soon when perhaps some plan may be tho't of for the first Division of s^d^ Middletown, which if at present separated will approach near to annihilation, or at least appear to be in a similar Situation of that of Ishmael of old, having every mans hand against them, as to any connection—such being the circumstances we humbly pray that their s^d^ petition may be dismiss'd, & that we may be left to enjoy the fruits of our Labour under our Vines & fig Trees unless the Agreement already made will satisfy our restless adversary, whose Conduct has already too clearly appeared to be absorpt in selfish principles—But if in your Wisdom you should think proper to grant the prayer of their petition, we humbly pray that, the place already agreed on for Building the meeting House may be first established by an Act of Court, otherwise the Dissention will rise to a great height, which we earnestly wish may be avoided

by the Assistance of your Honourable Body—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

Wolfborough Jany 26th 1786

Henry Rust	Thomas Piper	James Connor
Benjamin Blake	John Lary	Jacob Smith
David Piper	thomas Piper Jr	Joseph Lary
Lemuel Clifford	David Blake	John Shores
Andrew Lucas	Jonathan Harsey	Matth^{w} S. Parker
Enoch thomas	William Fullerton	Eben^{r} Horne
John fullerton	John Lucas	Eben^{r} Meder
Samuel Tebbetts	Henry Rust J^{r}	John Horne
James fullerton	Jeremiah Gould	Eben^{r} Horne J^{r}
Ithal Clefard	Levi Tibbets	Benj^{a} Wiggin
andrew Wiggin	Ebenezer Tibbets	Jonathan Chase
Paul Wiggin	John Piper	
James Wiggin	James Lucas J^{r}	

[The scheme failed.—Ed.]

[11-203] *Petition of Sundry Persons to be annexed to Ossipee: addressed to the General Court, June, 1795.*]

Humbly shews—

We your Petitioners Inhabitants of the Town of Wolfborough living on the Northeasterly part of Said town and on the land known by the Addition which Addition was takeing from a Gore of land now called ossipee—labour under many difficulties espechely those of your petitioners who live on the North-Easterly Side of White face mountain (so called) are upwards of Seven miles from the Meeting House in Said Wolfborough and are obliged to go through a part of Said ossipee to travel to Said Meeting House—likewise can have little or no benefitt of School therefore Your petitioners pray that Your Hon^{rs} would in Your great wisdom disunite said Addition of land and annex the Same land to the now town of ossipee from which it was formerly taken—or otherwise if your Hon^{rs} See fitt to grant a day of hearing on the premises at which time your petitioners, will produce a plan of Said Wolfborough—together with the Addition, likewise a plan of said osspee

Which will fully appear we believe to your Hon^{s} if we can be indulged with a day of hereing that by taking said addition from said Gore of land has rendered the Easterly part of said ossipee to be not more then three milds wide—and on the west line upwards of Seventeen miles long,—your petitioners fully

relying in your Grate wisdom and that you will grant us such relief as you shall think proper—in the premises

as in duty bound will ever pray

Wolfborough May 28th day 1795

John Young	Thomas young	William Goldsmith
Samuel Hide	John Swaesy	Isaac Goldsmith Jr
Nathaniel Hyde	Isaac Goldsmith	James Fernald

[11-205] [*Petition from Wolfeborough Addition: addressed to the General Court, 1800.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers Inhabitants of a certain Tract of Land known and called by the name of Wolfborough addition—Humbly Shews— —

That said Addition has ever since the first settlement of the Town of Wolfborough been considered as a part of and belonging to said Town, that we have always been in conjunction with the Inhabitants of said Town in all Town Affairs, have laboured to and enjoy the common priviledges of Towns with them, That we have ever considered ourselves as belonging to said Town, and but of late have had knowledge that said Addition either by mistake or inattention was not included within the Limits of Wolfborough incorporation, Therefore we humbly pray that said Addition may be annexed to and incorporated with said Town of Wolfborough as fully as though it had been included in the incorporation of said Town—and we, as in duty bound will ever pray—

Wolfborough May 26th 1800.

Stephen Thurston	Joseph Kinnsion	Ebenezer Tebbets
Saml Estes	Thomas Whittle	William Goldsmith
Jacob Arak	Joseph Nudd	Samuel Tibbets
James Fernald	John Swaasy	Jonathan Tibbets

[11-204] [*Consent to the foregoing.*]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss Wolfborough May 31st 1800

this may certify that all the Persons liveing on Wolfborough addition (so called), that are lyeable to be taxed in Said town

have Signed a Petition to be incorporated with Said town of Wolfborough—Excepting five Persons—

Mark Wiggin
Dudley Hardey } Selectmen of Wolfboro^h
Jonathan Blake

[11-206] [*Consent of Non-Resident Proprietors.*]

We being informed that a number of the inhabitants of Wolfborough Addition have petitioned the General Court—that said addition be annexed to the Town of Wolfbo'ro'—We being Proprietors in said tract are also desirous that said addition should be incorporated with said Wolfborough having always considered it as intended at the Time of the grant and since to be a part of said Town—

Jonathan Warner
James Sheafe
Mich^l Reade

Portsm^o 30 Sep 1800

[11-207] [*Certificate of Posting of Notice.*]

We the subscribers hereby Certify that a Copy of the Petition of Stephen Thurston and others Inhabitants of Wolfborough Addition (so call'd) presented to the General Court last June Session praying to be annex'd to and Incorporated with the Town of Wolfborough and Order of Court thereon has been posted up in the Town of Wolfborough and Wolfborough Addition agreeably to said Order—

Attest

Mark Wiggin
Dudley Hardy } Select Men of Wolfborough
Jonathan Blake

Wolfborough Nov^br 14th 1800

[11-208] [*Certificate of Amount of Land taxed, 1800.*]

Wolfborough November the 15th 1800—

to whom it may concern this may Certify that we the Subscribers Select men of Wolfborough have taxed in Wolfborough Addition (So called) two thousand Eight hundred & twenty Seven Acres of Land to the resedents & Nonresedents—

also in the town of Wolfborough Exclusive of the addition twenty thousand two hundred & forty three acres—

total Amount	addition	2827
	old town	20243
		23070

Attest

Mark Wiggin
Dudley Hardey } Select Men
Jonathan Blake .

[Wolfeborough Addition was annexed to this town by an act passed December 4, 1800.—Ed.]

DATES OF INCORPORATION, ETC.,

OF TOWNS NOT MENTIONED IN THE THREE VOLUMES OF TOWN PAPERS.

AUBURN. The territory was severed from Chester, and incorporated as a town by its present name June 23, 1845.

BENNINGTON. The territory comprised in this town was severed from the towns of Greenfield, Francestown, Deering, and Hancock, December 15, 1842, and incorporated as a town by its present name. December 20, same year, a part of the farm of Samuel B. Collins was annexed to Bennington.

BERLIN. The township was granted, December 31, 1771, to Sir William Mayne and eighteen others, and named Maynesborough, by which name it was known until July 1, 1829, when it was incorporated as a town by the name of Berlin.

CARROLL. The township was granted, February 8, 1772, to Sir Thomas Wentworth and others, and named Bretton-Woods, by which name it was known until June 22, 1832, when it was incorporated as a town by the name of Carroll. By an act approved June 22, 1848, a portion of Nash & Sawyer's Location was annexed to this town. June 27, 1857, several lots of land lying south of the town were annexed to it. July 2, 1878, another portion of Nash & Sawyer's Location was annexed to this town.

CLARKSVILLE. The town was incorporated June 30, 1853.

ELLSWORTH. The township was granted, May 1, 1769, to Barlow Trecothick and others, and bore the name of Trecothick until June 16, 1802, at which time it was incorporated and received its present name. Barlow Trecothick was a resident of London, Eng., and for many years the able agent of the province of New Hampshire, through whom business with England was transacted.

HARRISVILLE. The town was incorporated July 2, 1870, and comprised portions of Dublin and Nelson. It was

named for Hon. Milan Harris, owner of a large mill property in the town, and member of the state senate in 1863–'65.

LIVERMORE. The town was incorporated July 11, 1876. It comprised a large tract of unsettled land, much of which was an unbroken wilderness.

MILAN. The township was granted, December 31, 1771, to Sir William Mayne and eighteen others, and named Paulsbourg, in honor of Paul Wentworth, Esq., one of the grantees, and went by that name until it was incorporated by its present name December 16, 1824.

RANDOLPH. The township was granted, August 20, 1772, to John Durand and his son, Edward Parry, Thomas Brown, and Charles Henzell, and named Durand. It was incorporated as a town by its present name June 16, 1824.

STRAFFORD. This town was a portion of the town of Barrington from May 10, 1722, until it was separated, June 17, 1820, and incorporated by its present name. The early history of it is consequently embraced in the documents relating to the town of Barrington. See Vol. XI.

WATERVILLE. This town was incorporated July 1, 1829, and comprised Gillis & Foss's Grant, and the grant to John Raymond.

WOODSTOCK. The township was granted, September 23, 1763, to Eli Demerit and others, and named Peeling. June 19, 1840, the name was changed to Woodstock by an act of the legislature.

LIST OF TOWNS GRANTED BY GOV. BENNING WENTWORTH, WHICH ARE NOW IN THE STATE OF VERMONT.

These names are not repeated in the index:

Names of Towns.	Date of Grant.
Addison,	Oct. 14, 1761.
Andover,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Arlington,	July 28, 1761.
Averill,	June 29, 1762.
Barnet,	Sept. 16, 1763.
Bennington,	Jan. 3, 1749.
Berlin,	June 8, 1763.
Bernard (now Barnard),	July 17, 1761.
Bolton,	June 7, 1763.
Brattleborough,	Dec. 26, 1753.
Bridgewater,	July 10, 1761.

Bridport,	Oct. 9, 1761.
Brumley,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Brunswick,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Burlington,	June 7, 1763.
Castleton,	Sept. 22, 1761.
Cavendish,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Charlotte,	June 24, 1762.
Clarendon,	Sept. 5, 1761.
Colchester,	June 7, 1763.
Corinth,	Feb. 4, 1764.
Cornwall,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Danby,	Aug. 27, 1761.
Dorset,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Draper (now Wilmington), April 29, 1751; regranted	June 17, 1763.
Dunbar (now Sudbury),	June 15, 1764.
Duxbury,	June 7, 1763.
Essex,	June 7, 1763.
Fane, June 19, 1750; New Fane,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Fairlee,	Sept. 9, 1761.
Fairfax,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Fairfield,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Ferdinand,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Ferrisburg,	June 24, 1762.
Flamstead, Feb. 22, 1754; New Flamstead,*	Nov. 3, 1761.
Fullam (now Dummerston),	Dec. 26, 1753.
Georgia,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Glossenburg,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Granby,	Oct. 10, 1761.
Guildhall,	Oct. 10, 1761.
Guilford,	April 2, 1754.
Halifax,	May 11, 1750.
Hartford,	July 4, 1761.
Harwich (now Mt. Tabor),	Aug. 28, 1761.
Hertford (now Hartland),	July 4, 1761.
Highgate,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Hinesburg,	June 24, 1761.
Hubbardton,	June 15, 1764.
Hungerford (now Franklin),	Aug. 18, 1763.
Hinsdale,†	Sept. 3, 1753.
Jerico,	June 7, 1763.
Killington (now Sherburne),	July 7, 1761.
Leicester,	Oct. 20, 1761.
Lewis,	June 29, 1762.
Limington,	June 29, 1762.

* Now Chester.
† On both sides of the river; the Vermont part is now Vernon.

Ludlow,	Sept. 16, 1761.
Lunenburg,	July 5, 1763.
Manchester,	Aug. 11, 1761.
Mansfield,	June 8, 1763.
Maidstone,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Marlborough, April 29, 1751; New Marlborough,	April 17, 1764.
Middlebury,	Nov. 2, 1761.
Middlesex,	June 8, 1763.
Milton,	June 8, 1763.
Minehead (now Bloomfield),	June 29, 1762.
Monkton,	June 24, 1762.
Moretown,	June 7, 1763.
Newbury,	May 18, 1763.
New Haven,	Nov. 2, 1761.
New Huntington (now Huntington),	June 7, 1763.
Neshobe (now Brandon),	Oct. 20, 1761.
Norwich,	July 4, 1761.
Orwell,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Panton,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Pawlet,	Aug. 26, 1761.
Peacham,	Dec. 31, 1763.
Pittsford,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Pocock (now Bristol),	June 26, 1762.
Pomfret,	July 8, 1761.
Poultney,	Sept. 21, 1761.
Pownal,	Jan. 8, 1760.
Putney,	Dec. 26, 1753.
Reading,	July 6, 1761.
Rockingham,	Dec. 28, 1752.
Rupert,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Rutland,	Sept. 7, 1761.
Ryegate,	Sept. 8, 1763.
Salisbury,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Saltash (now Plymouth),	July 6, 1761.
Sandgate,	Aug. 11, 1761.
Saint Albans,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Saint George,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Sharon,	Aug. 17, 1761.
Shaftsbury,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Shelburne,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Shrewsbury,	Sept. 4, 1761.
Shoreham,	Oct. 8, 1761.
Smithfield (now Sheldon),	Aug. 18, 1763.
Somerset,	Sept. 9, 1761.
Springfield,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Stamford, March 6, 1753; New Stamford,	June 9, 1764.

Stockbridge,	July 21, 1761.
Stow (now Stowe),	June 8, 1763.
Strafford,	Aug. 12, 1761.
Stratton,	July 30, 1761.
Sudbury,	Aug. 6, 1763.
Sunderland,	July 29, 1761.
Swanton,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Thetford,	Aug. 12, 1761.
Thomlinson (now Grafton),	Sept. 1, 1763.
Tinmouth,	Sept. 15, 1761.
Topsham,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Townshend,	June 20, 1753.
Tunbridge,	Sept. 3, 1761.
Underhill,	June 8, 1763.
Wallingford,	Nov. 27, 1761.
Waterbury,	June 7, 1763.
Weathersfield,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Wells,	Sept. 15, 1761.
Wenlock,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Westford,	June 8, 1767.
Westminster,	Nov. 9, 1752.
Weybridge,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Whiting,	Aug. 6, 1763.
Williston,	June 7, 1763.
Winhall,	Sept. 15, 1761.
Windsor,	July 6, 1761.
Woodford,	March 6, 1753.
Woodstock,	July 10, 1761.
Worster (now Worcester),	June 8, 1763.

APPENDIX.

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[12–52] [*Copy of Letter from Sabastian Ralle, 1716.*]

[The following is copied from an ancient manuscript. I am unable to find it in any printed volume; it is docketed "Jesuits lett^{r}; from Norridgwock Dated July 8th 1716—Read in Councill Augst 1 ^{mo} 1716—minuted."—Ed.]

a Copy of ye Ind^{ns} letter; from norridgwock

July 8th 1716

Yesterday Abombaseen & Bamegesagog arrived here from Boston & ye Ind^{ns} being assembled to hear ^{ym} found ^{yt} ^{yy} had not acquitted y^{m}selves of their Commission accord as ^{yy} * had before deliberated among themselves therefore they depute anew this Ind^{n} named Waracunsit who was before deputed to go to Boston but was hindered by some suddain Inconvenience. The Ind^{ns} are surprised that Abombaseen & Bamegesagog should begin y^{r} Commissioners referring to some letters falsely supposed from ye Govr of Canada, from Mouns^{r} ye Intendant from Mouns^{r} De-ramfie, from Mouns^{r} De-l'Angoisesie who has been dead more than two years of which lett^{rs} they have had no debate among Y^{m}selves of w^{ch} ^{yy} had no knowledge; hence arises a suspicion & ^{yy} wond^{r} y^{t} Abombaseen should make any mention of any such thing & say whence could he have ye knowledge of it, some say it must be some of ye English y^{t} have suggested it to him y^{t} so ye English und^{r} a pretence of fear might cause forts to be built contrary to ye Convention of ye peace the Ind^{ns} would now know w^{t} those lett^{rs} are they demand of ye English whether ^{yy} have received any such lett^{rs} & if they have they demand Copys of them—this is w^{t} Waracunsitt is charged to demand and to repeat their words to the English (Viz^{t}) at ye peace ye land was turned up side down it was all made plain ye forts stained with bloud were fallen into a great ditch of fire where they were Consumed;

* They.—Ed.

whence is it y^{t} they appear again; it must be some malignant spirit y^{t} should have began to dig again in this ditch to make y^{m} appear & by y^{t} means to rend^{r} ye land strong and defensible —they demand then whence it come to pass y^{t} those forts do appear and y^{t} ^{yy} appear upon y^{r} land—they alledg thus we begin now to see verified w^{t} our father of Canada has told us & warned us of he told us y^{t} ye English by these forts wch they caused to be built at ye mouths of O^{r} rivers was only y^{t} they might have ye advantage of breaking wth us these are ye words of ye Ind^{ns} this is w^{t} Abombaseen ought to have said and no more and this is w^{t} Waracunsit is charged to deliver

Sabastian Rawl de Societate Cht^{s}

P: S: The Ind^{ns} tell me that I have forgott one circumstance wch they had told me (Viz^{t}) that twas in vain for ye English to say y^{t} they have bought these places where they have built there forts bec: they know y^{t} none can buy their land and that ^{yy} themselves cant sell it being but as guardians and tutors of it.

[A treaty of peace was concluded with the Eastern Indians at a conference on Arrowsick island in August, 1717. (Vol. III, p. 693.) This treaty was broken on the part of the Indians in 1722, and a proclamation was published by Gov. Shute, July 25, 1722, ordering them not to go into any English town or district. A war ensued. In August, 1724, Capt. Harmon and others with 217 men made an attack on the Indians at Norridgewock, and killed Abombazeen, the Jesuit Sabastian Ralle, and 26 Indians. (Coll. N. H. Hist. Soc'y, vol. 1, p. 107.)—Ed.]

[12–53] [*Copy of Letter from Gov. Belcher to the Lords of Trade and Plantations relative to the boundary Line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts, 1733.*]

My Lords—

Altho' I have wrote you per this Conveyance of 5th 8th & 12th Instant, yet the ship being detain'd, I think it my duty to say to your Lordships, that I have taken all possible Care and Pains, ever since my Arrivall, to have the Long Contested Boundaries betwixt the Massachusetts and New-Hampshire adjusted, agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Orders to me, but I can see no Prospect of its being Accomplish'd, and the poor Borderers on the Lines (if Your Lordships will allow me so vulgar an Expression) live like Toads under a Harrow, being run into Goals on the one side and the other, as often as they

please to quarrell, such is the sad condition of His Majesty's Subjects, that live near the Lines. They pull down one another's houses, often wound each other, and I fear it will end in Bloodshed, unless His Majesty in his great goodness gives some Effectual Order to have the Bounds fixt.

Altho', my Lords, I am a Massachusetts man, yet I think this Province alone is culpable on this head, New-Hampshire has all along been frank and ready to pay exact duty and obedience to the King's Order, and have manifested a great Inclination to peace and Good Neighborhood, but in return the Massachusetts Province have thrown unreasonable Obstacles in the way of any settlement, and altho' they have for 2 or 3 years past been making offers to settle the Boundaries with New-York and Rhode-Island in an open, easy, amicable way, yet when they come to settle with New-Hampshire, they will not do so with them, which seems to me a plain Argument, that the leading men of the Massachusetts Assembly are conscious to themselves of continual Incroachments they are making upon their Neighbours of New-Hampshire, and so dare not come to a settlement. I say, my Lords in duty to the King, and from a just Care of His Subjects of New-Hampshire, I think myself oblig'd to set this matter in the Light I now do, nor do I ever Expect to see it settled, but by a peremptory Order from His Majesty appointing Commissioners to do it, and those agreed to by both Assemblies—

Febru[a] 1730/1—

Joseph Talcott Esq Gov[r] of Connecticut,
Joseph Jenks Esq then Gov[r] of Rhode-Island, &
Adolph Phillips Esq Speaker of the Assembly at N. York,

are Gentlemen of Good Ability and Integrity, and altho' the Massachusetts, I fear, will still decline joining in the affair, yet I believe New-Hampshire, from their desire to peace and Good Order, would rejoice to see such a Direction from the King, & be glad to be at the whole Charge rather than the dispute should still continue; I therefore humbly pray your Lordships, so to represent this affair to His Majesty, that there may be an End of Strife and Contention.

And if your Lordships approve of the Bill I now send you for emitting Bills of Credit on a Foundation of Gold and Silver & that I may have His Majesty's Leave for doing it in the Massachusetts, I pray I may also have the same Liberty of doing it in New-Hampshire, where they are in Great distress for something to pass in lieu of money, and without speedy Help it will be almost impossible for that little Province to support any Trade.

I have the honour to be with all possible Esteem and Respect—

My Lords Your Lordships Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant—

Boston Janu[a] 13th 1732/3, J. B.

These may Certify, that His Excellency the Governor, sent me this paper from Boston, and assured me that the contents of it, were a genuine copy, of what he had wrote and sent to the Lords of Trade and Plantations; and also, that he afterward shew me, an original letter from the secretary of the Plantation Board which acknowledged their Lordship's receipt of the Governors said letter,—As Witness My hand—

August 1st—1739 Rich[d] Waldron—

[12-54] [*Letter from Gov. Francis Bernard, concerning the boundary Line, 1767.*]

Boston Aug 31, 1767

S[r] I have received your letter of Aug 26, & shall lay it before the Council on Wednesday next. In the mean time I must desire you to prevent any violence being used against our Settlers; as a Representation of this matter on our behalf is now prepared to be laid before the King in Council; in which I am assured these two propositions will be proved, 1, that this province never joined to run the Line; 2, that the Line was run under a material mistake; and these will be proved, among others, by the Testimony of M[r] Bryant himself;

I am, with great regard, S[r] your most obedient and most humble Servant

Fra Bernard

His Excellency Gov[r] Wentworth—

[The following memorandum is on the back of the letter in the handwriting of Gov. Wentworth's secretary :—Ed.]

N H Patentees settle under limited terms, therefore must be supported and quieted, or they may require an exemption from all limitation—on behalf of or from the Crown

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[12-54] [*Theodore Atkinson, concerning the boundary Line, 1767.*]

Tuesday Sep[r] 29 1767

Sir Your Excellency will please to observe that the Instruction sent by M[r] King was originally directed to Govern[r]

Belcher as Governr of the Massa by the Directions in the last clause of seeing it entered in the Council Book &c I now send you the Copy of Mr Bryants Warrt & Instructions Issued by Mr Belcher as Governr of the Massachusetts so that it plainly appears where the Ex Parte complained of rested and not in favour of this Provce unless paying the whole Expence made the ex Parte talked of I know I can find a satisfactory accot of the whole charge being paid by this Provce I found these papers viz Hazzens & Bryants in a Bundle I had formerly packed them in and send them that you might see the whole together— I should have waited on you with them but am prevented by an Indisposition that forbids my being abroad this weather

I am Your Excellencys most obliged &
most Obedt Humble Sert

Govr Wentworth — Theodore Atkinson

[12–56] [*Dover Militia Officers, 1731, 1732.*]

Capt Thos Millet

Capt John Waldron
Lt John Wonget
Insn Joseph Roberts } Novmr 6th 1722

Capt Tristram Coffin
Cort John Gerrish
Quart master Saml Walton } Novmr 6th 1732

Capt Thos Wallenford
Lt Love Roberts
Insn Jeremiah Rolens } Septmr 27th 1731

Paul Gerrish Lt Colo

May 17th 1731

[From Gen. Bedel's Papers] [*Soldiers' Order, 1775.*]

To the paymaster appointed or to be appointed for ye first Comp'y of Rangers in ye Colony of New Hampshire for ye payment of the Billeting money now Du or that shall be hereafter Du to either and each of us—

Pay the same to Israel Morey Esq or his Order for value Receid July 27th 1775.

16/5	Joseph fifield,	36/3	John Lovern,
	Silvanus Owen,		Uriah Stone,
12/	Benjamin martin,		Amos Rich
15/3	Joseph Hadley,	38/1	Thomas Caprin
	Elnathan Palmer,		

[Ibid.] [*Piermont drafted Men, 1777.*]

October 3d 1777

Pursuant to orders of the 2d Instant I have made a Draft of men Viz. France Stevens (Come forward) Moses Stevens Sence Lame David Tyller Jur Paul Ford Andrew McCalister Isaac Gragg

John Weed Levt

To Col Israel Morey of Orford

Piermont 5th October, 1777.

N B. The above said David Tyller Jur—Paul Ford—Andrew McCalister & Isaac Gragg Refuse to Go according to orders Wherefore I beg they may be Delt with as ye Law Dericts—

Col Morey John Weed Levt

LLOYD'S HILLS.

Holland's map of New Hampshire gives a place for a township designated as Lloyd's Hills, which occupied a considerable portion of the territory now in Bethlehem. The charter records, in the office of the secretary of state, contain nothing relative to the township of Lloyd's Hills, except a reference to it as a boundary of the town of Whitefield, which was granted in 1774.

Two documents have recently become accessible to the public, which throw some light upon the matter, for copies of which the editor is indebted to A. S. Batchellor, Esq., of Littleton.

First, is the manuscript lecture on the early history of Littleton and vicinity, by the late Dr. Adams Moore, in which are the following passages relating to the subject: "It appears by the charter of Whitefield that that town was bounded on the south-west by a town named Lloyd's Hills. Some person interested in land matters, and finding no record of it in the office of the secretary of state, wrote to Governor Wentworth, who, it appears, lived at a place in England called Hammersmith. I have seen his answer, which, from sinister motives, was kept rather private, as it was the key to some land disputes, and if seen would operate against the parties holding it. It contained a correct plan of the town of Lloyd's Hills, now Bethlehem. The Ammonoosuc river [was] laid down with great accuracy, the line between that

town and this [Littleton] distinctly placed as crossing a certain bend in the river, near the Alder Brook Mills, where the proprietors of this town have supposed it to be, but from which they have been crowded back this way about fifty rods. The survey purported to have been made in 1774, by Dudley Coleman, who had surveyed this town [then Apthorp] four years before. The governor must have taken from this country a book of plans of all these townships, furnished him by the deputy surveyors of his time,* which would unravel the snarls of many a lawsuit past, and perhaps to come."

Second, the following matter relative to Lloyd's Hills was copied by Philip C. Wilkins, of Littleton, at Portsmouth, Aug. 8. 1850, from a paper purporting to be the original in the handwriting of Gov. John Wentworth. It was in the possession of counsel in a case then pending at Portsmouth relating to lands in Bethlehem. One of the counsel in this case was the late John Goodall, Esq., of Bath, whose professional papers were sold to paper-makers during the late war, and it is not improbable that the original of Gov. Wentworth's communication concerning Lloyd's Hills was among them, as no one appears to have known of its existence in recent years. Mr. Wilkins's record of surveys contains his memoranda and copy, which is substantially as follows:

"Province of New Hampshire

Portsmouth 3d January, 1774.

This certifies that this plan, beginning at a Beech Tree, standing in the northeasterly line of Gunthwaite, which is the southwesterly corner of Apthorp; [thence runing south fifty-seven and one half degrees east, two miles and fifty-six rods, to a spruce Tree, which is the northeasterly corner of Gunthwaite;] thence south fifty-eight degrees east, three miles and two hundred sixty-four rods, to a Birch Tree; thence north fifty-six degrees east, five miles and one hundred and sixty-two rods, to Bretton Woods, so called; thence by said Bretton Woods, north one mile and twenty five rods, to a stake; thence north fifty-eight degrees west, five miles and ten rods, to a Fir Tree; thence south fifty-six degrees west, six miles and one half, to the bound began at, containing twenty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty acres, is known by an original plan or

* The deputy surveyors made their returns to Isaac Rindge, surveyor general, who probably kept them, although it is possible they might have been in possession of the governor.—Ed.]

survey of said tract or township as returned to me by Dudley Coleman Dep[t] Surveyor.

Attest Is: Rindge S. G."

"It is hereby certified that the within described land in the Province of New Hampshire was surveyed to Joseph Loring and others by authority of Government, parte by His Majesty's mandamus and parte on conditions of settlement and cultivation; and that the grant of said lands was called in council according to the usual forms; also, that an order was issued to the secretary of the said Province, for engrossing the patent, but I cannot recollect whether the patent was perfected, although the said tract of land was actually granted, and I do remember that about twenty thousand acres was property of Mr. Loring and that the township was called or named Lloyd's Hills.

Hammersmith 15 June 1783. J. Wentworth."

Note: The bound given in brackets, in the surveyor general's certificate, is inserted as it appears on the plan. The omission probably first occurred in one of the unofficial transcriptions of the return as made by Mr. Coleman.

The original plans of surveys, made by the deputy surveyors, are possibly still in existence; and if so probably in England; they would make a valuable addition to our ancient state records, and some means ought to be employed to obtain them if possible.

[The following documents relative to the "Vermont controversy," which were found by the editor among the miscellaneous papers in the secretary's office, are believed not to have been heretofore published. The originals have been inserted in the manuscript volume, in the office of the secretary of state, entitled "State Papers, Vermont Controversy."—Ed.]

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Lebanon Feb'y 13th 1777.

The Committees for treating with the Assembly's Committee,* after having waited on, and held a free Conference with them, were called on to meet by themselves—and they met accordingly—at which time were present—

* A committee appointed by the general assembly of this state, Jan. 3, 1777, consisting of Meshech Weare, Benjamin Giles, and John Wentworth, Jr., who were to visit Grafton county and endeavor to effect an amicable settlement of the existing differences of opinion. See Vol. VII, p. 450.—Ed.

Mr Jacob Sheafe—Morristown

Capt Nathl Hovey—Landaff

Colo Timo Bedel
Mr Elisha Cleveland } Bath

Major James Bayley
Capt Ephraim Wesson
Mr James Abbot— } Haverhill

Major John Pattinson
Capt Jona Chandler } Piermont

Colo Thos Gilbert
Dn Joseph Skinner
Capt John Sloan
Mr Walter Fairfield } Lime

Capt David Woodward
Capt Aaron Storrs
Lieut Jona Freeman
Beza Woodward Esqr } Hanover

Dn Nehh Estabrook
John Wheatley Esqr
Major John Griswold } Lebanon

Major Francis Smith
Mr Amos Stafford
Lieut Thos Gallop } Plainfield

Capt John Lassell——Relhan

Lieut Saml Jones
Ensign Thos Baldwin } Canaan

Colo Elisha Paine
Capt Bela Turner } Cardigan

1. Chose Colo Timothy Bedel Chairman
2. Chose Bezaleel Woodward Esqr Clerk
3. These Committees taking into consideration the Conference this day held with the Assembly's Committee, unanimously agree to make the following Report to the united committees whose meeting is to be held here tomorrow Viz That we have held a free Conference with said Assembly's committee particularly respecting the plan of Representation which has been pursued in this state; and that no one of us is as yet in any degree convinced of the Justice or Equity of said plan; but that our Apprehensions of there being just Grounds for our uneasiness in that respect are still as great as they have ever heretofore been—

4. Voted that the Assembly's committee be served with a copy of the foregoing proceedings of these committees.

5. Voted that Major John Griswold be desired to wait on them with said Copy—

A true Copy from the Minutes

Attest, Beza Woodward Clerk

[Page 68] [*Proceedings of a Committee Meeting at Hanover, June 11, 1777.*]

At a meeting of the Convention of united Committees from a number of Towns in the New Hampshire Grants (so called) East of Connecticut River, held agreeable to adjournment at the house of Capt Aaron Storrs in Hanover on Wednesday June 11th 1777.

Voted to present the following Address to the Assembly at Exeter Vizt

To the honorable Council and Assembly convened and sitting at Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen—The Convention of Committees from a number of Towns in the New Hampshire Grants (so called) East of Connecticut River beg leave to observe that in the month of May 1775 we were invited with other Towns in the Colony of New Hampshire to unite in Provincial Congress by Representatives for the purpose of taking such measures as the alarming situation of public affairs then rendered necessary for the security of the most invaluable privileges granted by the God of nature to the human Race, which Congress was proposed to continue for the space of six months only; that said Congress near the close of their sessions (without any particular authority vested in them for that purpose by their constituents) did undertake to adopt a Plan of Representation whereby we apprehend they abridged the liberties of the people in that essential Article by depriving a great number of Towns of the privilege of future Representation and assuming the right of regulating that article wholly to themselves; which regulation a considerable number of Towns in the abovementioned Grants not only refused their Assent to, but early remonstrated against to the next Congress, but without any effect—Since which time (vizt in the month of July last past) we in some measure stated our reasons for non-compliance in a printed Address to the Inhabitants of said State; notwithstanding which the same oppressive mode of Representation still continues as appears by the Writs for election issued last winter.

We have likewise had opportunity to confer with a Committee from your Body, which has also proved ineffectual, as they were not empowered to enter into articles of Stipulation or make any proposals whereby the aforesaid difficulties might be removed—And in order to the removal of them we beg leave to observe, that the only legal Bonds whereby the said Grants were ever connected with the former Government of New Hampshire was by the Commissions granted to the late Governor Wentworths empowering them to exercise Jurisdiction over said Grants *with* the former part of said Province which Commissions and the extent of their Jurisdiction were held at the pleasure of the Crown to enlarge or diminish as the King should see fit; which Commissions being now extinct, the people living on said Grants are become unconnected with the former Government of New Hampshire or any other incorporated State as to any Compact of theirs or any Grant or Charter whatever and are so far reverted to a State of nature.

Yet notwithstanding as we have heretofore been connected as aforesaid we are authorized by our Constituents to assure you we are not only willing but desirous to be again united together in one incorporate body of distinct State if it can be mutually agreed upon consistent with our just rights and privileges. We would therefore beg leave to propose the essential preliminaries on which we are willing to unite, Viz[t].

1. That the Inhabitants of every Town within said State (including said Grants) have liberty if they see cause to elect at least one person to represent them in the General Assembly of said State—but that every Town where there are less than one hundred Families have liberty of coupling themselves with so many adjoining Towns as shall agree thereto for the purpose of sending one Representative only—and that each Town (or Towns united as aforesaid) pay their own Representative for his service in attending said Assembly—travelling fees to be paid out of the general Treasury—

2. That the Seat of Government be fixed as near the Centre of the State as conveniently may be—

3. That the further establishing a permanent Plan of Government in the State be submitted to an Assembly that shall be convened as aforesaid for that purpose only. And as we look upon ourselves free from Connection with any incorporated State or particular Body, if we cannot agree to unite together on the principles above prescribed or those which are equivalent thereto, we must seek after Connection with some other State, or endeavor to obtain relief in some other way—

All which we desire you to take into your wise and candid Consideration, and give us such Answer to the above proposals as you shall think proper; that we may no longer remain in

the unhappy Circumstances that we have been and are now under.—

Voted that Major Childs Lieut Freeman & Capt Turner or either two of them be a Committee to wait on said Assembly with said Address, and that they endeavor in the fullest manner to enforce the justice and equity of the Articles therein suggested, and labour to the utmost of their power that such articles of stipulation be agreed to by said Assembly as shall correspond with those proposed in our said Address—

Per Order of said Convention

Neh^{h} Estabrook Chairman

At a meeting of the Convention of United Committee before mentioned held by adjournment at Mr Paine's [Elisha Payne's] in Hanover October 14th 1777—

Whereas this Convention at their Meeting in June last did appoint a Committee to wait on the Assembly at Exeter with an address from us, the performance of which has been obstructed by the tumults of the War—Therefore Voted That Col^{o} Paine, Major Childs, and Mr. Woodward or either of them be desired and empowered to wait on said Assembly with said Address in our name as soon as conveniently may be, and to act thereon agreeable to the directions given to our said former Committee.

Per Order of said Convention

Neh^{h} Estabrook Chairman

[The committee mentioned in the foregoing presented the said address to the legislature in November, 1777. The matter was taken up in committee of the whole on the 18th day of that month, and a sub-committee, consisting of Josiah Bartlett, John Langdon, Benjamin Giles, Ebenezer Thompson, and George King, was appointed to confer with Messrs. Payne and Woodward, draft an answer to their address, and report the next morning, which they did as follows:—Ed.]

[Page 70] [*Report of Committee.*]

State of New Hampshire

Novemb^{r} 19th 1777—

The Committee, appointed in Committee of both Houses, to confer with persons who presented an address from the Committees, met in Convention of several Towns in the County of Grafton, in this State, relative to the subject matter of said address, beg leave to report—That they have met said Gentlemen

Viz. Col° Paine & Mr Woodward and freely conversed with them concerning the several matters set forth in said address. and are of opinion that although they esteem the present form of Government, & Representation of the people as far from being perfect, Yet as the same was only proposed as Temporary and the exigencies of the war having been and still continuing such as to leave no opportunity for the People to enter upon forming a plan of Government and Representation with that attention and deliberation that Matters of so Great Consequence require; the present Modell will answer for the purposes of our Grand Concern Viz Carrying on the War, & in the mean time for the Regulation of the most essential concerns of our Internal Police without any great Injury to any part of the State—But are full in sentiment that as soon as the Circumstances of the war will admit, that a full, free and equal Representation of the people should convene and form a permanent system of Government & settle the mode of Representation—

All which is humbly submitted by

Jn° Langdon Chairman

[The foregoing was accepted.—Ed.]

[Page 202] [*Statement of Jonathan Chase and Abel Curtiss, relative to Gen. Sullivan's Position, 1781.*]

Col° Jonathan Chase and Mr Abel Curtis assert that they have frequently heard Col° Peter Olcott mention his being at Philadelphia in the month of September last on business relating to the New Hampshire Grants—That being in conversation with Genl Sullivan, Agent for the State of New Hampshire—he urged to the Genl that the previous question might be put—"whether a New state might be admitted on the Grants or not"—The Genl replied "He could have obtained that before, but would make no further Objections to it, if he (Col° Olcott) thought that best to be put"—which Col° Olcott urged—Col° Olcott said that afterwards he understood that the General did not appear against the question, but said nothing in favor of it—

Col° Olcott further added that after this he had opportunity with the General, when the Genl told him, he was sorry he conceded to his proposal—Col° Olcott asked why?—The Genl replied he tho't many of the people in his quarter were Yorkers—and further added, that he believed that they on the west side of the River ought to be a separate state—Col° Olcott has also mentioned that when at Philadelphia, he was informed, the Genl in private conversation observed, "that, tho' he was

instructed to lay claim to the whole of the Grants, he was so unhappy as to differ from his Instructions in Judgment"—Col° Chase & Mr Curtiss also mention that a report has much prevailed on the grants in their quarter, that a large Grant of Land has been issued by the Assembly of Vermont to Genl Sullivan. But they are rather inclined to think the report without foundation—

The subscribers affirm the foregoing relation, if not *verbatim*, to be the substance of matters related by Col° Olcott, as above—

Exeter 12th Jany 1781.

Jon^th Chase
Abel Curtiss

N. B. It may be observed that Col° Olcott by no means meant any reflection on the worthy Gentleman, Genl Sullivan, but as he was very sanguine for a union of the whole of the Grants, he was very sorry to see that indifference in the Genl as he thought it, to bring about an object so much desired.

J. C.
A. C.

[Vol. X contains a large amount of matter relative to this controversy.—Ed.]

CENSUS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1790.

[The following is taken from a manuscript document in the office of the secretary of state, and is published because it is believed that the census of 1790 does not exist elsewhere in the state, in detail, and consequently will be of much value to town historians and citizens generally.—Ed.]

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Towns.	Males above 16.	Males under 16.	Females.	Other free persons.	Slaves.	Amount.
Allenstown	67	63	123	1	....	254
Atkinson	129	102	246	2	....	479
Bow	149	151	268	....	....	568
Brentwood	255	224	490	6	1	976
Candia	246	273	521	....	....	1,040
Canterbury	285	223	526	1	3	1,038
Chester	485	456	960	1	....	1,906
Chichester	137	118	236	....	....	491
Concord	505	408	823	7	4	1,747
Deerfield	452	358	806	1	2	1,619
East Kingston	90	87	179	2	....	358
Epping	318	254	654	2	5	1,233
Epsom	200	175	424	....	....	799
Exeter	437	343	858	81	2	1,722
Greenland	170	141	309	12	2	634
Hampstead	195	156	370	3	....	724
Hawke [1]	101	94	224	....	1	420
Hampton	238	174	436	4	1	853
Hampton Falls	150	96	291	3	1	541
Kensington	222	147	431	....	....	800

[1] Now Danville.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY—*continued.*

Kingstown	243	189	491	3	....	906
Londonderry	677	576	1,339	24	6	2,622
Loudon	272	287	518	5	2	1,084
Newington	132	109	285	2	14	542
Newmarket	284	235	610	7	1	1,137
New Castle	125	117	292	....	....	534
Newtown	126	132	271	....	1	530
Northfield	154	155	295	2	....	606
North Hampton	184	138	333	2	....	657
Northwood	188	181	374	....	1	744
Nottingham	275	249	529	4	11	1,068
Pelham	216	190	385	....	....	791
Pembroke	240	245	469	....	2	956
Pittsfield	214	221	449	4	....	888
Plaistow	135	129	257	....	....	521
Poplin [1]	137	103	251	1	1	493
Portsmouth	1,158	973	2,487	76	26	4,720
Raymond	177	181	361	8	....	727
Rye	226	189	439	8	3	865
Salem	287	294	626	9	2	1,218
Sandown	138	115	308	....	....	561
Seabrook	178	178	357	2	....	715
South Hampton	125	81	241	1	....	448
Stratham	229	158	486	8	1	882
Windham	156	173	328	1	5	663
Gosport	32	22	39	....	....	93
	11,139	9,663	21,976	293	98	43,169

[1] Fremont.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.

Barnstead	192	214	400	....	1	807
Barrington	605	646	1,217	2	....	2,470
Conway	149	146	279	....	....	574
Dover	549	419	1,004	18	8	1,998
Durham	336	272	634	2	3	1,247
Eaton	60	72	121	....	....	253
Effingham	42	43	68	....	1	154
Gilmanton	614	682	1,294	22	1	2,613
Lee	277	224	526	2	....	1,029
Madbury	167	126	295	4	....	592
Meredith	247	211	419	4	....	881
Middleton	151	162	304	....	...	617
Moultonboro	133	148	283	....	1	565
New Durham Gore [1]	108	118	212	7	....	445

[1] Now Alton.

STRAFFORD COUNTY—*continued.*

New Durham	139	140	275	....	....	554
New Hampton	171	173	306	2	....	652
Ossipee	86	82	171	....	....	339
Rochester	730	740	1,386	....	1	2,857
Sanbornton	415	423	749	....	....	1,587
Sandwich	216	243	446	....	....	905
Somersworth	248	211	478	....	6	943
Tamworth	67	72	126	....	1	266
Tuftonbor°	29	20	60	....	....	109
Wakefield	158	193	295	....	....	646
Wolfbor°	110	120	217	....	...	447
Burton [1]	32	42	59	....	....	133
Stark's and Sterling's Locations	12	13	26	....	....	51
	6,043	5,955	11,650	63	23	23,734

[1] Now Albany.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Amherst	571	576	1,204	18	....	2,369
Andover	166	167	312	....	....	645
Antrim	138	146	244	....	....	528
Bedford	210	240	440	8	....	898
Boscawen	282	274	551	1	....	1,108
Bradford	56	60	101	....	....	217
Campbell's Gore [1]	28	35	57	....	....	120
Deering	213	254	459	2	....	928
Derryfield [2]	92	95	175	....	....	362
Dunbarton	209	244	444	28	....	917
Dunstable [3]	179	146	306	1	....	632
Duxbury [4]	39	45	85	....	....	169
Fishersfield [5]	68	105	158	....	....	331
Francestown	232	233	517	....	...	982
Greenf[d]						
Goffstown	324	303	614	34	....	1,275
Hancock	156	160	315	3	....	634
Henniker	269	325	525	8	....	1,127
Hillsbor°	193	211	393	1	....	798
Hollis	340	378	723	....	....	1,441
Hopkinton	445	417	852	1	....	1,715
Kearsarge Gore [6]	27	27	49	....	....	103
Lytchfield	97	83	160	17	....	357
Lyndbor°	313	349	618	....	....	1,280
Mason	215	242	462	3	....	922
Merrimack	209	207	393	10	....	819

[1] Windsor. [2] Manchester. [3] Nashua.
[4] Now in Milford. [5] Newbury. [6] Divided among several towns.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY—*continued.*

New Boston	313	303	576	10	....	1,202
New Ipswich	338	285	614	4	....	1,241
New London	69	90	152	....	....	311
Nottingham West [1]	267	246	544	7	....	1,064
Peterbor°	220	214	423	4	....	861
Raby [2]	86	89	160	3	....	338
Salisbury	345	385	640	2	....	1,372
Sharon	68	63	128	....	....	259
Society Land [3]	84	89	146	....	....	319
Sutton	132	122	266	....	....	520
Temple	177	196	368	6	....	747
Warner	220	195	448	....	....	863
Weare	491	500	931	2	....	1,924
Wilton	253	278	562	12	....	1,105
Derryfield Gore [4]	10	4	16	....	....	30
Lyndsborough Gore [5]	11	8	19	....	....	38
	8,155	8,389	16,150	177	0	32,871

[1] Hudson. [2] Brookline. [3] Divided among several towns.
[4] Now in Manchester. [5] Now in Temple.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.

Acworth	159	197	348	....	....	704
Alstead	268	285	558	....	....	1,111
Charlestown	307	254	530	1	1	1,093
Chesterfield	441	532	930	2	....	1,905
Claremont	348	391	692	2	2	1,435
Cornish	238	258	484	1	1	982
Croydon	121	151	262	3	....	537
Dublin	227	223	446	5	....	901
Fitzwilliam	255	278	505	....	....	1,038
Hindsdale	127	142	251	....	2	522
Gilsum	70	64	164	....	....	298
Goshen	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Jaffrey	285	336	603	11	....	1,235
Keene	316	318	671	5	2	1,314
Langdon	58	76	108	2	....	244
Lempster	110	95	207	3	....	415
Marlbor°	175	219	392	....	....	786
Marlow	73	80	160	....	....	313
New Grantham	90	88	153	1	1	333
Newport	187	198	390	4	1	780
Packersfield [1]	167	208	343	3	....	721
Plainfield	259	277	486	2	....	1,024
Protectworth [2]	56	49	104	....	1	210

[1] Nelson. [2] Springfield.

CHESHIRE COUNTY—*continued.*

Richmond	332	368	680	....	....	1,380
Rindge	276	306	554	7	....	1,143
Stoddard	162	194	344	....	1	701
Surry	117	111	220	....	....	448
Sullivan	48	68	103	1	....	220
Swanzey	293	287	571	6	....	1,157
Unity	133	139	265	1	....	538
Walpole	327	335	580	1	2	1,245
Washington	137	135	273	....	....	545
Wendell [1]	70	64	133	....	....	267
Westmoreland	472	543	998	4	1	2,018
Winchester	298	311	595	4	1	1,209
	7,004	7,580	14,103	69	16	28,772

[1] Sunapee.

GRAFTON COUNTY.

Alexandria	79	87	132	....	....	298
Bartlett	55	57	135	....	1	248
Bath	117	136	239	....	1	493
Bridgewater	84	62	134	....	1	281
Campton	113	79	202	....	1	395
Canaan	137	123	223	....	....	483
Chatham	17	13	28	....	....	58
Cockburne [1]	9	5	12	....	....	26
Cockermouth [2]	94	104	175	....	....	373
Colburne [3]	10	6	13	....	....	29
Coventry [4]	21	20	47	....	....	88
Dalton	3	4	7	....	....	14
Dartmouth [5]	34	25	52	....	....	111
Dorchester	48	45	82	....	....	175
Dummer	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Enfield	188	173	361	2	....	724
Errol	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Franconia	22	18	32	....	....	72
Grafton	99	110	194	....	....	403
Gunthwaite alias [6]	91	75	147	....	....	313
Hanover	476	298	596	8	2	1,380
Haverhill	163	118	266	1	4	552
Lancaster	45	45	71	....	....	161
Landaff	75	80	137	....	....	292
Lebanon	375	282	515	8	....	1,180
Lincoln	8	5	9	....	....	22
Littleton	28	26	42	....	....	96
Lyman	57	39	106	....	....	202

[1] Columbia. [2] Groton. [3] Colebrook.
[4] Benton. [5] Jefferson. [6] Lisbon.

GRAFTON COUNTY—*continued.*

Lyme	231	189	392	4	....	816
New Chester[1]	70	103	139	....	....	312
New Holderness[2]	96	73	160	....	....	329
Northumberland	34	27	56	....	....	117
Orange	32	37	61	....	1	131
Orford	140	125	272	....	3	540
Percy[3]	14	11	23	....	....	48
Piermont	103	113	206	1	3	426
Plymouth	182	142	297	....	4	625
Rumney	97	113	201	....	....	411
Shelburne	12	5	18	....	....	35
Stratford	44	38	64	....	....	146
Thornton	96	98	191	....	....	385
Warren	52	64	86	4	....	206
Wentworth	56	73	112	....	....	241
LOCATIONS.						
Dames	4	8	9	....	....	21
Hales	3	2	4	....	....	9
Harts	3	4	5	....	....	12
Senters	5	.....	3	....	....	8
Starkes	8	5	16	....	....	29
Sterlings	3	2	4	....	....	9
Wales	1	3	2	....	....	6
Grafton	3,768	3,315	6,340	28	21	13,472
Cheshire	7,004	7,580	14,103	69	16	28,772
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